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## School district gets poor grades

**Other goals slide amid budget crunch**

By JENNIFER LANG

THE COAST Mountains district is falling short of its public pledge to improve student literacy and arithmetic skills, an outside review team has found.

The school district's budget crunch has overshadowed the focus on educational goals like improving student math and literacy scores for the past two years, district superintendent Randy Smallbrugge said, reacting to a

report completed by an education ministry review team that visited the district April 6-9.

"We've had to put the budget in the forefront when we've been having such huge deficits," he said.

The team visited 17 schools and met with school principals, administrators, parents and aboriginal representatives.

The purpose of the review — one of 20 the education ministry is conducting this year — was to look at how well the district is meeting the goals outlined in its accountability contract.

The report says the district is not meeting expectations on improving student achievement 10 key areas — from leadership to the amount of parent involvement.

Smallbrugge said the team has offered the district sound advice.

"I think it was a very good exercise to go through," he said. "It's not pass or fail. It's simply an indication of where you are as a district and how you can move ahead."

Smallbrugge stressed the importance of teamwork.

"Leadership is teamwork. It goes

right from the trustees through administration to teachers and support staff in the field. It's everybody," he said.

The review team said the district should focus on fewer goals.

The board championed literacy as its number-one priority three years ago, when the education ministry's annual snapshot of reading, writing and mathematics skills showed one third of students weren't meeting expectations for their grade.

The district put that pledge into writing in 2001, when the education ministry asked school districts to out-

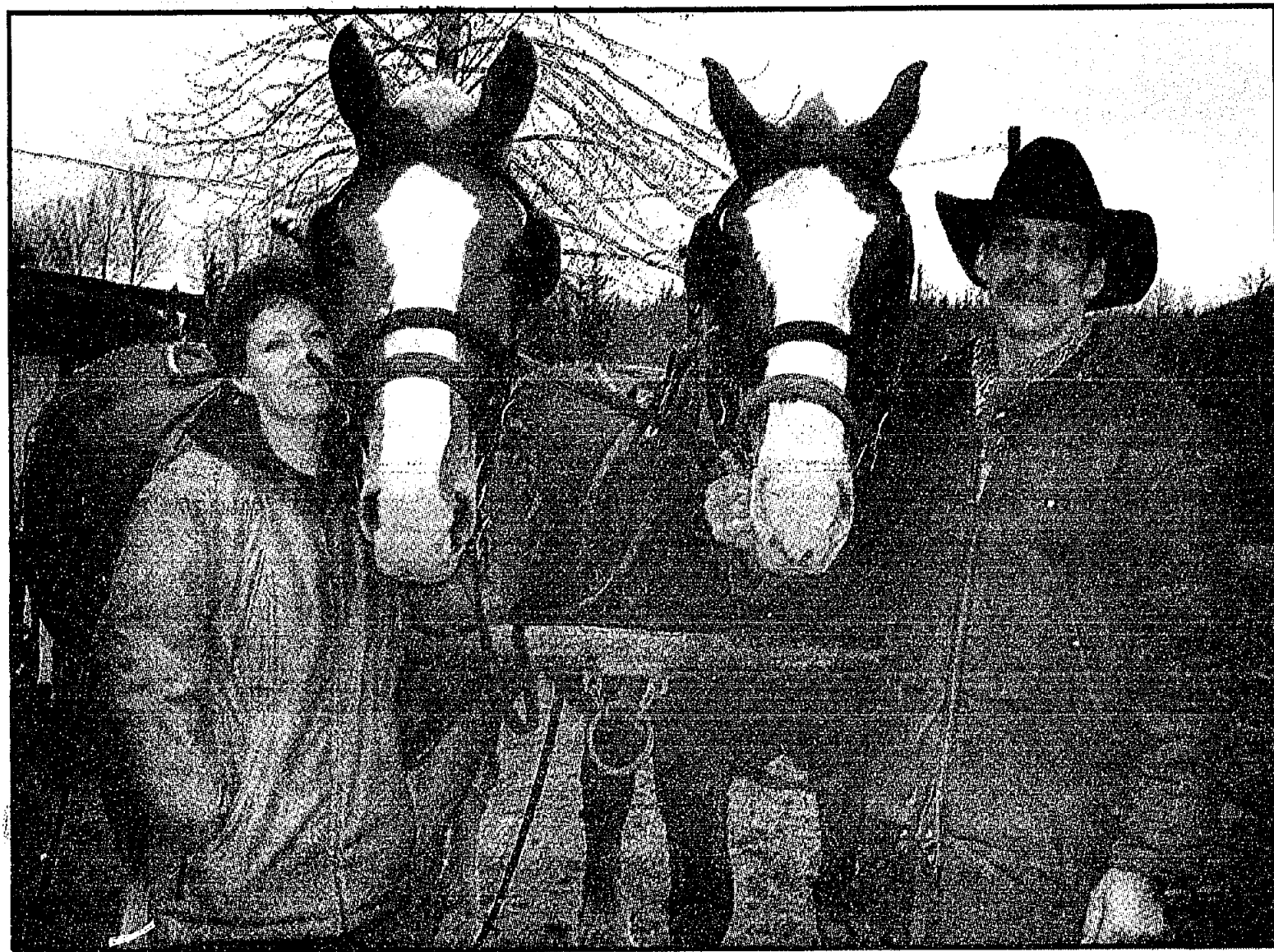
line their goals and objectives on student achievement in accountability contracts with the public.

The district had also promised to improve provincial exam marks, First Nations graduation rates and student social responsibility.

"They said our goals were too many and too broad," Smallbrugge said.

The team also recommends the district consolidate the methods used to monitor how well students are doing and needs to create a well-communicated plan for improving student

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BELGIAN HORSES Dan and Tonka have been inoculated by New Remo owners Trish Coffey-Sturko and Dean Sturko against West Nile Virus. But they remain worried about the effects of the mosquito-spread affliction on horses and humans. The virus, spread by mosquitoes, is expected to arrive in the northwest this summer.

## Horse owners on alert to threat of West Nile virus

**Mosquito-borne killer expected to begin its spread across B.C. this year**

AT MORE than 1,800 pounds each and at least six feet high, Dan and Tonka are magnificent Belgian horses.

But their owners Dean Sturko and Trish Coffey-Sturko are worried for their future with the expected arrival this summer of the West Nile virus to the northwest.

They have five other horses as well on their New Remo farm, a low-lying area almost surrounded by marshy land.

The area is a natural breeding ground for mosquitoes, which carry the West Nile virus, and is

heavily populated by crows, which pass the virus to those mosquitoes in the first place.

"It's just so easy to have stagnant water around here all summer," notes Coffey-Sturko.

To date the couple has had a vet make two visits to inoculate each of their horses against the West Nile Virus. It costs \$45 for each shot, not counting the vet's visit fee.

"You want to have them inoculated a month before mosquito season so the immune system is in place," said Coffey-Sturko.

Horses are particularly susceptible to the virus with some reports indicating a mortality rate of up to 35 per cent during an initial epidemic.

After being bitten by a mosquito, the incubation period is three to 14 days.

Signs may include mild to severe neurological problems up to an including weakness and lameness.

Even though they have taken inoculation precautions, Coffey-Sturko and her husband remain on high alert.

"We're wondering if we'll have horses this time next year," she said.

There's no way they can control mosquitoes and there's no way they can control the crow population.

The number of crows in the New Remo area has some calling it "Crowtown," says Sturko.

The couple estimates their horses are worth nearly \$15,000 in all, making for a substantial investment.

They're also worried not all **Continued Page A2**

## Runway push about future, 'not WestJet'

By JEFF NAGEL

PEOPLE here are getting the wrong idea that the airport's planned \$2.5 million runway extension is all about attracting WestJet, airport officials say.

And that in turn drives fears that they are willfully pursuing a course that may hurt homegrown airline Hawkair and the local jobs it supports.

Both are untrue, says Terrace-Klittat Airport Society president Fraser Mackie.

He said Hawkair's success is the pride and joy of the airport. "It would be the easiest thing in the world to leave the runway at 6,000 feet and let Hawkair run," Mackie said. "But that's a small town mentality."

He and outgoing airport manager Rick Reed were responding to city council comments that the runway vision has been poorly communicated.

A visit late last fall by WestJet president Clive Beddoe, who said the discount airline would require a longer runway to serve Terrace, was the catalyst for action now, they say.

Prior to that the runway extension had not been on the airport's five- or 10-year plan plans.

By January, a tentative plan to extend the runway from its present 6,000 feet to 7,500 feet was in place.

Mackie said it makes sense to pursue it now for a variety of reasons — notably the present low interest rates — not just the possibility WestJet might come.

He said the primary goal is to position the airport so it can support jet service in future years — regardless of who provides it. "If we don't have another 1,000 to 1,500 feet of runway in the future we're pretty well going to be a Dash-8 airport," Mackie said.

Air Canada Jazz switched from jets to the Dash-8 turboprop aircraft it now runs here last fall, Mackie noted, and concerns over its future have been heightened by the carrier's move to file for bankruptcy protection. "WestJet is the first carrier to tell us they won't be in at 6,000 feet. Air Canada is about to tell us that I suppose."

Not, he says, that the airline won't serve the airport, but that service will no longer be jets.

Air Canada is phasing out its old fleet of Bae-146 jets and replacing them with Bombardier regional jets (RJs).

Mackie says those newer jets will not land on Terrace's 6,000 foot runway, and that will become the trend with the entire next generation of commuter jets, including the newer heavier models of 737 jets.

"To look forward to the future of jet transport in Terrace and the corresponding competitive edge that will give us, we need to extend the runway," he said.

"It's for the future economic viability of the airport not to attract WestJet."

Mackie said officials with Air Canada Zip, a competing discount carrier to WestJet, have also been here to check out the airport.

Mackie said people also think the runway extension will mean costly changes to the new Instrument Landing System, which was just put in place.

The cost of moving the localizer beacon to a new position when the runway is extended will in fact be less than \$100,000 of the \$2.5 million total extension cost, he said.

Reed said he's certain there is no risk of regulatory or technical problems that would prevent the airport from using the ILS with the longer runway.

Reed and Mackie say the runway is also serious about other opportunities, such as direct tourist charter flights run by Lufthansa from Germany direct to Whitehorse.

The runway extension to 7,500 feet reflects what Terrace will need to serve those types of large wide-bodied 757 or 767 jets in the future, they say.

"If you want to talk about WestJet, they said only add 1,000 feet," Reed said. "But we didn't look at it that way. We looked to the future."

Mackie said they have no guarantee WestJet will come in the first place or if they do come that they will stay if passenger counts here fail to meet expectations.

But he said that doesn't change the airport's firm belief that a longer runway is the right thing to do.

## We earn more with rising education, stats show

A PERSON'S chances of earning higher wages increased according to their level of education, indicates data from the 2001 census conducted by Statistics Canada.

For the Terrace area, people with a university education or degree earned an average \$52,401 at census time, compared to \$24,620 for somebody who did not graduate from high school.

For those who did graduate from high school and who have some post secondary education,

the average wage was \$25,910.

A person with a trades certificate or diploma earned an average \$36,339.

A person with a college certificate or diploma earned an average \$33,143.

Across B.C., people with a university certificate, diploma or degree earned an average \$44,066, less than the Terrace area average.

The national figure was \$48,648 which was also less than

the Terrace area average.

Broken down by age category, people in the Terrace area between the ages of 45 and 54 with a university certificate, diploma or degree earned an average \$58,534.

That's more than people between 35-44 who earned an average \$47,567.

People between 35-44 who did not have high school graduation earned an average \$37,686 while those between 45-54 earned

\$31,444.

Men with a university certificate, diploma or degree earned far more than women with the same education.

Census data shows men earned \$68,579 a year while women earned \$38,539.

Men who did not graduate from high school also earned more — \$31,357 — than did women who did not graduate — \$14,283.

For more statistics on employment and education, see page A5.



# Warning issued as West Nile virus begins new move

MEDICAL AUTHORITIES here are emphasizing personal protection to reduce the West Nile virus hazard.

That's because it will be almost impossible to contain mosquitoes, which carry the virus after first picking it up from crows, says Dr. Isaac Sobol of the Northern Health Authority.

Wearing long-sleeved shirts, avoiding being outside at dawn or dusk, wearing hats and using insect repellent containing DEET will be more effective against mosquito bites, Sobol said.

"And screens on windows. A lot of people don't have screens on their windows," Sobol added.

His comments follow the expected arrival this year in the northwest of the West Nile virus which, at its worst, can cause potentially life-threatening encephalitis in one to two per cent of the population that is bitten by a virus-bearing mosquito.

Crow and mosquito virus carriers are likely to first appear in the eastern and southern areas of the province.

"And when it gets here,



Isaac Sobol

it will stay," Sobol said.

Health officials say the majority of those bitten will have no signs of infection and that about 20 per cent of people will develop flu-like symptoms.

But it's that one to two per cent of the population that will be most affected that has medical authorities most worried.

Sobol said the B.C. Centre for Disease Control has set up a testing facility for dead crows in Abbotsford to help determine when the virus hits regions around the province.

"We're not that worried about a single dead crow. But if there are three or

more in a small area, such as a city block, please call us. Don't handle the bird yourself," Sobol said.

Health authorities are also interested in dead jays, magpies and ravens with, which crows, are part of the corvid family.

Sobol added that the health authority's environmental health officers have safe handling and transport equipment.

A limited number of traps to catch and then test mosquitoes will also be put out in the area.

And even though the health authority is emphasizing personal protection, people are being encouraged to check their yards.

"Eliminate still or stagnant water where mosquitoes can thrive," said Sobol.

That extends to removing discarded tires and open containers in which water can collect.

Sobol said items such as bird feeders with running water flowing into or through them should be OK.

Local governments are also being told to consider using larvicide on wetlands near populated areas.

The use of insect repellent on young children has one parent concerned about its effects.

"I'm worried we're all going to overdose our kids [on DEET] because we're all so afraid," said Trish Coffey-Sturko of New Remo on how parents will react.

She's also worried that it will be difficult for parents to tell the difference between a normal flu or other illness and the virus because the latter shows symptoms similar to the former.

## From front

## Horse owners brace for virus

horse owners are taking the West Nile threat seriously.

"I think there was a lot of complacency at first - some people were saying they'll worry about it when it gets here," said Coffey-Sturko.

"But I think now people are becoming more aware and more nervous. It's starting to sink in."

The couple is even wondering if there will be a lot of owners taking their horses to different shows around the northwest.

It may be that some horse shows will require owners to show proof their animals have been inoculated against West Nile or to have proof of a negative test showing for other afflictions, said Sturko.

Local veterinarian Dr. David Farkvam says he's certain the virus will show up in B.C. this summer.

"The way it's moved through North America, I'm sure it'll be in southern B.C. this year and it will be brought up by migrating birds," Farkvam says.

He says Terrace isn't as isolated as many might think.

"Horses are moving and birds are flying," he says. "People are transplanting animals into this area, they are importing semen."

Farkvam has so far inoculated between 150 and 200 horses in the Terrace area, including his own.

If enough other horse owners agree, Farkvam is willing to set up a mass inoculation at one location.

## Use caution with insect repellents

PARENTS WITH young children who want to protect them as much as possible from West Nile Virus-bearing mosquitoes are being told to be very careful when using insect repellent.

While DEET is effective, products containing it should be used sparingly, report federal authorities.

And in the case of in-

fants under six months, DEET should not be used at all, says the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

For children from six months to two years, the use of 1 application per day may be considered in situations where a high risk of complications from insect bites exist.

The product should be applied sparingly and not be applied to the face and hands and contain only 10 per cent DEET.

On children between 2-12 years of age, the least concentrated product (10 per cent DEET or less) should be used and applied no more than three times per day.

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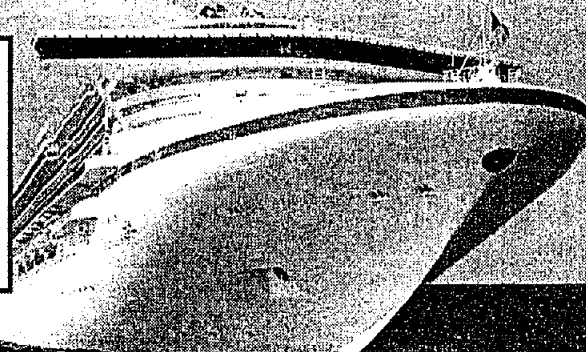
Persons residing in the Terrace area who wish to be considered for Board appointment to the PMAC should submit their name, address, and a short statement of their interest and background related to solid waste management by May 12, 2003 to:

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These laws have had a devastating impact on public education in B.C.

The ILO recommends that the B.C. government repeal one bill and amend the others to comply with UN conventions Canada has signed. Teachers agree.

Canadians expect elected officials to respect international law, but Premier Gordon Campbell says he feels "no pressure whatsoever" to bring these bills into harmony with our UN commitments.

We must hold his government accountable. Please contact Premier Campbell and Education Minister Christy Clark and let them know they're not above the law.

**Premier Campbell's office:**

**250-387-1715 premier@gov.bc.ca**

**Education Minister Clark's office:**

**250-387-1977 minister.educ@gems7.gov.bc.ca**

For more information on the UN ruling, go to [bctf.ca](http://bctf.ca).



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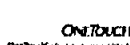
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# Chemo clinic working well

The idea is to bring needed services here

MARY ANN Dvorak excuses herself for a minute to answer a knock on her office door.

She talks for a minute with a person before returning to her desk.

"That was a patient. She was just filling me in. They pop in all the time," says Dvorak.

Talking to patients, providing them with information and advice is just one of Dvorak's tasks as the local cancer services nurse.

Her other main task is administering chemotherapy treatments in a quiet lounge area adjacent to the emergency room at Mills Memorial Hospital.

Terrace is one of five communities across the province where health authorities in the fall of 2001 established a stand-alone chemo treatment program.

Up until then, chemo treatments at Mills were administered in the emergency room by physicians.

"It was not that we were doing a disservice to our chemo patients," says Dvorak of that arrangement.

"In that setting, there was not enough time to teach, to provide information."

"It was not appropriate for the time a chemo patient can spend receiving treatment. A patient can be in a vulnerable state when they first come to see me. We wanted a more appropriate setting."

As the cancer services nurse, Dvorak is the connection between local physicians, patients and the B.C. Cancer Agency in Vancouver.

One main goal is to reduce the number of patients who would otherwise go to Vancouver for treatment.

And if a patient has to go to Vancouver, Dvorak works to ensure the trip is

as less stressful as possible.

"A patient has enough because of the shock and trauma with what's happening. We want to alleviate that as much as possible."

Preparing a patient for a trip south can involve everything from telling them what they need to take to informing them of volunteer services down south.

As an example, Dvorak said a Terrace patient with family in Kamloops can stay in that city and then be driven to and from the cancer treatment centre in Kelowna by volunteers.

In some circumstances, patients come to Terrace for treatment because they have family members here, she added.

Aside from providing chemo here, Dvorak points to the growing use of video hook ups, called telemedicine, to connect patients and their physicians with oncologists and other cancer specialists in Vancouver.

The more that can be done locally relieves a patient of the stress and expense of a trip south, she said.

"I work very closely with our physicians here. They're excellent," said Dvorak.

She also relies on a local committee chaired by a physician and consisting of other medical professionals and cancer survivors.

Although Dvorak administers chemotherapy drugs, physicians write the orders, adjusting treatments each time to fit a patient's needs.

Dvorak is also available for advice and guidance for patients who receive treatments in other ways than by chemotherapy in the hospital.

"Knowledge is a good



FROM A quiet area behind the Mills Memorial Hospital emergency room community chemotherapy nurse Mary Ann Dvorak administers treatment to cancer patients. She began her work in the fall of 2001 after the B.C. Cancer Agency and regional health officials decided a separate treatment area and program was needed to avoid cancer patients having to use the emergency room itself.

thing," said Dvorak.

Dvorak can have up to 20 chemo patients on her list at any one time.

Dvorak's patients can come from up north on Hwy37, the Nass Valley and the Hazelton in addition to Terrace.

The majority of patients undergo treatment for an

hour, but treatments for others can last four hours or more.

The quiet setting of the treatment lounge is important for patients who undergo those more lengthy treatments.

Last year, one patient donated a purpose-built lounge chair to make sit-

ting more comfortable and businesses have donated furniture and audio-visual equipment.

Advances in technology and equipment now mean more patients can come to the hospital to begin treatment and then continue it at home.

## News In Brief

### Witnesses sought

TERRACE RCMP are asking any witnesses to a highway car crash to come forward.

The April 5 accident happened at 7 p.m. east of Terrace on Hwy 16 near Gossen Creek.

Police say the accident involved a 1989 Blue Ford Festiva and a 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

If you have information about this accident call the Terrace RCMP detachment at 638-2588 and refer to file number 2003-2588.

### Land claims web site

THE B.C. TREATY Commission has a new web site providing update information on treaty negotiations.

There's information on main issues, quick facts, a section providing information for school teachers and a directory of other resources.

The treaty commission was formed in the last decade by the federal and provincial governments and native groups to help those groups negotiate claims.

The web site is at [www.bctreaty.net](http://www.bctreaty.net)

### High school graduation requirements change

CHANGES TO B.C.'s high school graduation requirements that education minister Christy Clark says will better prepare students for the work force, trades training or university will be phased in over three years, starting in September, 2004.

That means students in Grade 8 this year will be the first ones to complete high school under the new graduation rules.

The new program will start in Grade 10. A new course called Planning 10 that introduces employment skills, financial management and good health will become mandatory.

Students will have to write exams in English, science, social studies and math in order to graduate in addition to other new requirements.

They'll also have to complete a graduation portfolio that demonstrates their physical activity, community involvement and computer skills. School districts will also be allowed to develop new courses that would count toward graduation requirements.

### More people belting up

MOTORISTS in the northern part of the province are getting better at buckling up, shows a new survey done by ICBC. The study shows a seven per cent overall increase of seat belt wearing rates compared to this time last year.

Terrace numbers are up from a rate of 77 per cent last year to 89 per cent this year. That's a 12 per cent jump. Prince Rupert is the most significant increase of 18 per cent jumping from a rate of 69 per cent last year to 87 per cent now.

The region's loss prevention manager, David Dickson, says ICBC's Clicking In campaign, which was launched last year, has raised the profile about the importance of wearing seat belts.

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### The Hard Core Drinking Driver

Without question, hard core drinking drivers are the single biggest threat where alcohol and road crashes are concerned.

A recent ten-year study revealed the percentage of drivers with blood alcohol concentration of more than twice the legal limit remained virtually constant. Although drinking-driving fatalities have declined, there has been no change in fatalities involving hard core drinking drivers.

Those over double the limit drivers represent about one percent of the cars on the road at night and on weekends. Yet they account for nearly half of all drivers killed at those times. These hard core drinking drivers are on our local streets and highways. Terrace RCMP had 276 complaints about impaired drivers in 2002 and nearly one hundred impaired driving charges last year.

**Hard core drinking drivers share several characteristics:**

- They drink frequently and often to excess.
- Many are alcohol dependent.
- They repeatedly drive after drinking.
- They drink and drive with readings often 2 or 3 times the legal limit.
- Many have previous convictions for impaired driving and driving suspended.
- They resist changing their behaviour and ignore anti-drinking driving campaigns

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On April 18th, 2003, several property owners at Lakelse Lake discovered cabins had been broken into and occupied overnight. At least three cabins on First Avenue had their doors kicked in and were ransacked. Near one home, a makeshift firepit had been made and it appeared the culprits stayed the night. No items have been identified as stolen.

Terrace Crimestoppers wants your information, not your name. Any information is valuable and may lead to the arrest and conviction of the offenders.

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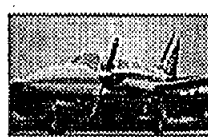
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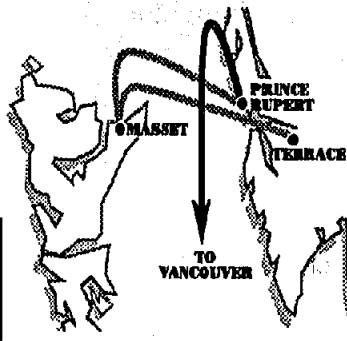
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561	8:30 am - 9:00 am	261	9:30 am - 11:30 am							✓
553	1:20 pm - 1:50 pm	253	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	



HAWKAIR Dash 8



TK Air Twin Navajo

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## School agony

FOR THE second year in a row the school district has gotten itself into a jam over its attempts to cut its budget. Last year, when attempting to close schools, the board discovered its first decision didn't follow provincial guidelines. This resulted in a delay of 60 days, dragging out the agony for parents, teachers and students.

This year it's over the concept of a four-day week. The district appears to have made a decision, only to find itself once again in the middle of a controversy over whether it followed procedure. As was the case last year, the district is to hold meetings to decide what to do next.

The first step should be the release by the district of its planned budget for next year, clearly outlining its anticipated revenues and expenses so the public can fully appreciate what's at stake when it comes to the bottom line.

Secondly, the school district should explain its reasons in educational terms. It may be one thing for secondary students to be in class longer each day, but can primary and elementary students function properly when faced with a longer day?

If this is an attempt to save money by not having schools open one day a week, why not start the school year earlier or end it sooner? It might preserve a five-day week by adding fewer minutes to each of those days then is now the stated plan with a four-day week.

And if shoe horning five days worth of instruction into four days is the route to be taken, what makes Friday the favoured off-day? Why not Monday. Statutory holidays already fall on Mondays, which has created an established rhythm. Making Monday the off-day would carry on with that.

Or how about Wednesday? It would provide younger students a rest day in between longer instructional days. Friday off days, combined with Saturdays and Mondays, make for a long period for young minds to be away from the stimulation of a learning environment.

Once all this is done, the school district should then hold meetings in suitable venues so that everybody can make their views known.

In the end, it may very well be that a four-day week, or any version thereof, is not feasible. This district is already under severe pressure from the provincial government to improve the academic performance of its students. It's ironic given that it is the same government which expects the school district to cut its costs and do more with less.

A four-day week may jam in the same amount of class time as is the case now over five days. But if the school district cannot deliver higher academic performances now, how can a four-day week make things better?



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## B.C. treaties might work after all

VICTORIA - Remember the treaty referendum? It was a rather goofy exercise to begin with, in as much as it wasn't governed by any standards normally associated with such plebiscites.

Far worse, however, was the psychological effect. It gave the worst bigots the best chance they had ever had to officially express their opposition to anything that could even faintly benefit British Columbia's aboriginal population.

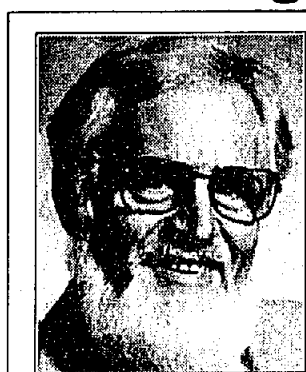
The new Liberal government, flush with the power of an overwhelming mandate, ostensibly sought public input to guide future negotiations with natives.

It didn't work out that way. Judging from the government's current position on treaty negotiations, you'd think Glen Clark's NDP had won the last election.

A couple of weeks ago, the government announced, as proudly as all government announcements go, that a treaty settlement with the Snuneymuxw First Nation in Nanaimo was close at hand.

What makes this proposed settlement interesting is that it concerns a First Nation that is in close proximity to a built-up urban area, meaning it stands to be the first overall treaty of its kind.

The proposed settlement is believed to cover fishing



FROM THE CAPITAL  
HUBERT BEYER

rights, land and, believe it or not, some form of self-government.

That would be the kind of self-government Gordon Campbell, the Premier, and his Liberals so vociferously opposed when they were in opposition.

His loathing of the treaty process in general even prompted him to mount a court challenge to the Nisga'a treaty some years back.

That court challenge was abandoned by the premier after he was elected when he discovered a clause in the Nisga'a treaty preventing a government from undertaking court action.

The progress in negotiations with the Snuneymuxw isn't the only ray of light in the heretofore dark corner of Liberal policy on native issues.

There are rumours that treaty

negotiations are generally progressing satisfactorily.

What happened? Why has this government with virtually no parliamentary opposition abandoned its former fierce anti-treaty position in favour of its current conciliatory stance?

Native rights is the short answer. Campbell may have been able to tear up contracts duly negotiated between the former government and public sector trade unions because they have few guaranteed rights.

Native rights, on the other hand, have been declared inviolable time and again by the courts, and not even a steamroller government such as this one can change that. This realization, it appears, has now set in.

The impending Nanaimo settlement was preceded by a number of court cases fought successfully by natives.

The same thing is happening on other treaty fronts. Last year, the courts forced the government and the lumber giant Weyerhaeuser to engage in consultations with aboriginals over logging rights.

One case to be watched involved the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation which is laying claim to large areas of Crown land near Chilko Lake.

A native victory in that case could result in the courts declaring for the first time

aboriginal title over a specific area of British Columbia.

The premier could have saved himself a lot of time and money spent on opposing the treaty process had he read up on his history.

The die was cast in 1973, when the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that aboriginal title exists in Canadian law regardless of any recognition by government.

The case is on the law books as "Calder v. Attorney General of British Columbia," Calder being Frank Calder, then affectionately called "The little Chief."

Calder was then the hereditary chief of the Nisga'a Nation. He was also an NDP MLA during the Dave Barrett administration, when Calder finally had his case heard the Supreme Court.

The outcome, a victory for the Nisga'a in particular and native rights in general, paved the way for the eventual Nisga'a treaty settlement which became official in 2000.

I run into the little chief off and on. He's in his high 80s now, but never looked better. Seeing your life's work come to fruition can do that to people.

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## Writer failed to nail down tale

IMAGINING AND doing are as different as fiction is to journalism. In Charlotte Vale Allen's newest novel, *Fresh Air*, she writes of a screenwriter who plots a movie wherein a teenage girl hatches a plan to get rid of her father whom she suspects of killing her mother.

In the book, the teenager "flies down the cellar stairs to her father's workbench, grabs a crowbar, and climbs back up to loosen the top board that holds the set of wooden stairs to the floor beam below the kitchen door. Satisfied, she carefully goes back up the now unsteady steps."

Already I'm asking, "How did the teenager learn to pry stairs loose? And surely more than a few nails in a top board were used to hold stairs securely to take the weight of an average adult?"

You can bet this plot has me looking closer at the construction of our basement stairs, which has several supporting 2 x 8s on either side right down to the base.

Two hours later, during dinner, her father "becomes in-



THROUGH BIFOCALS  
CLAUDETTE SANDECK

censed by her renewed accusations and goes after her. She jumps up from the table and runs down into the dark cellar, slamming the door behind her."

Notice she doesn't worry this time about the shaky condition of the "priced loose" stairs. "Once at the bottom, she pulls the staircase away from its minimal connection with the beam, creating a gap of several feet."

Now, in my limited experience helping build porch

steps and pulling nails out of used lumber, even dry lumber of any length can be heavy and unwieldy.

Also, concrete has more grab than glide. Should I believe the teenager alone can pull 16 feet of wooden stairs several feet over concrete? And wouldn't the top of the stairs crash to the floor?

When her father comes crashing after her, he throws open the basement door, steps into space and plunges twelve feet to the concrete floor, breaking his neck."

I could believe he might break his neck in a 12 foot fall, but could she pull that staircase away that much, quick enough, and without noise to tip him off?

The author stretches credulity further. "After making sure he's dead, she pushes the stairs back into place. With a hammer she drives the nails back into the beam."

Hold it right there. Has the author considered the weight of the lumber needed to build a staircase 12 feet high?

Depending upon the build-

ing code in her neighbourhood, besides the stringers, those notched side boards that hold the steps, of which there would be two, probably 2 X 12's sixteen feet long and 18 steps of (minimum) 2 X 8 each three to four feet in length. That total would be about 32 feet of 2 X 12 and at least 36 feet of 2 X 8.

That's a sizable lumber pile to slide across concrete, even if the top of the stairs hasn't smashed flat on the floor.

If I believed all this so far, which I don't for a minute, how did the teenager climb the stairs to re-nail the top of them into the beam? Twelve feet is too high for her to reach with a hammer, unless she is a basketball hopeful.

The last novel I read by this author, I wrote to her to complain about her heroine smoking cigarettes every time she has one hand unoccupied. In this novel smoking is out. The heroine drinks coffee two cups at a sitting.

Again the novelist asks for reader's comments. Will she be sorry!





# Higher earners are increasing here

THERE'S A growing gap in income levels in the Terrace area, indicates information released from Statistics Canada.

In 1995 530 people reported employment income of more than \$75,000, a number which grew to 610 in 2000.

But overall numbers fell over the same five-year period for those people with a lesser income.

In 1995 there were 6,500 people listed in the \$20,000 to \$75,000 income range.

That number dropped to 5,850

in 2000.

Put another way, 42 per cent of income earners in 1995 were between that \$20,000 to \$75,000 category compared to 38 per cent in 2000.

One area within this range did experience an increase. The 1995 data lists 535 people earning between \$45,000 and \$50,000 a year, rising to 700 by 2000.

At the same time as the statistics show a growing gap in incomes, the average wage also declined from 1995 to 2000.

In 1995, the average wage was

listed as \$32,050 but it dropped very slightly to \$31,890 in 2000.

Although there appeared to be fewer income earners in the mid-range, the number of women earning higher wages went up from 1995 to 2000.

In 1995, 45 women were listed as earning more than \$75,000 a year, a number which doubled to 90 in 2000.

And the number of women earning \$50,000 to \$60,000 also went up — from 175 in 1995 to 245 in 2000.

Yet the number of women

earning \$60,000 to \$75,000 declined — to 135 in 2000 from 160 in 1995.

Overall, the average woman earned \$21,938 in 1995 compared to \$22,633 in 2000.

They also made up slightly less of the workforce between 1995 and 2000.

In 1995 7,570 women were part of the census compared to 7,475 in 1995.

Across B.C. and across Canada, numbers of income earners in the same categories went up between 1995 and 2000.



VOLUNTEER Henriette Gagnon prepares the soup for the Friday lunch at the Happy Gang Centre. The number of seniors in Ter-

race are growing, according to the most recent Census statistics released by Statistics Canada. JEFF NAGEL PHOTO

# Population shift

New Census statistics reveal much about Terrace and who lives here

Stories by Rod Link

THE NUMBER OF married couples with children has dropped in Terrace and area, according to newly released information obtained in the 2001 census.

Figures gathered by Statistics Canada point to a 14.7 per cent decline in the percentage of married couples with children and an 11.9 per cent increase in the number of married couples without children since the last such measurement was taken in 1996.

At the same time, the percentage of common law couples with children inched up by 1.2 per cent yet the percentage of common law couples without children went up by 8.3 per cent.

These figures appear to contradict provincial percentage figures in that the number of married couples with children increased by 1.1 per cent. The percentage of married couples without children is also different, increasing by 8.9 per cent.

In terms of common-law couples, the number with children went up by 6.9 per cent in B.C. and the number without children went up by 20.8 per cent. Both these figures were higher than was

the case in Terrace and area.

All told, the total number of couples of all types in Terrace dropped by 2.9 per cent between 1996 and 2001 compared to a provincial rise of 5.5 per cent.

When it comes to numbers, there were 4,670 couples identified in the 2001 census in Terrace and area and 2,095 of them were married with children and 1,690 of the pairings were married without children. Common-law couples amounted to 425 with children and 455 without.

In Terrace itself, there were 2,770 couples recorded on the 2001 census. Of that amount, 495 were identified as common law couples and 15 as same sex common-law couples. That latter number works out to about .5 per cent of the couples in the city. And that's on par with the national average.

The number of people in private households in Terrace and area was listed at 19,865 in 2001 — a 4.6 per cent drop from 1996.

The number of private households did increase a touch by 1.1 per cent to 7,295 over 1996 figures. But the family households

made up of a couple with children dropped by 13.4 per cent to 2,430 and the number of family households with a couple without children rose by 9.7 per cent to 2,035.

That drop in family households of a couple with children isn't the same provincially, which recorded an increase of .9 per cent. The increase in family couples in a household without children roughly matches the provincial figure of 8.9 per cent.

**The number of lone-parent families has risen in Terrace and area with 825 listed in 1996 compared to 985 in 2001.**

Terrace and area and the provincial average are quite close when it comes to one-person households as both had a percentage increase from 1996 to 2001. For Terrace and area the increase was 13.5 per cent to 1,520 households while the provincial increase was 16.1 per cent.

The number of lone-parent fa-

milies has risen in Terrace and area with 825 listed in 1996 compared to 985 in 2001. And the average number of people in a lone-parent family has held steady at 2.6 between 1996 and 2001.

That trend to couples without children seems to bear itself out in age characteristics, indicate Statistics Canada figures.

In Terrace and area there were 1,350 people between the ages of 0 and four in 2001 compared to 1,745 in 1996, although the overall drop in population will account for some of the decline.

There's also every indication the average age of the Terrace and area resident is getting older. In 2001, 76.3 per cent of the population was listed as 15 years or older compared to 74.3 per cent in 1996.

In 2001, 585 people were listed as 75 or older compared to 440 in 1996. That aging will continue given that 1,785 people were listed as between the ages of 55 and 64 and 1,015 between ages of 65 and 74 in 2001 compared to 870 people between the ages of 65 and 74 and 1,405 between the ages of 55 and 64 in 1996.

# High school grad rate tops B.C. average

THE TERRACE area has topped the provincial average when it comes to people in the 20-44 age group having either high school graduation or a trades certificate or diploma.

In all, 39.8 per cent of the population from 20-34 has completed high school compared to 34.5 per cent for B.C., indicates Statistics Canada information taken from the 2001 census.

And 29.7 per cent of people from 35-44 have high school school compared to the 25 per cent provincial average.

When it comes to trades certificates, 15.3 per cent of the population here has one or a diploma compared to the provincial average of 10.5 per cent for people between the ages of 20 and 34.

That trend also holds for people between the ages of 35 and 44 with 17.6 of local residents having

a trades certificate or diploma compared to 14.3 per cent across the province.

But the local population does lag behind the rest of the province when it comes to having a university certificate, diploma or degree.

In the 20-34 age bracket, 10.3 per cent of the local population has a university certificate, diploma or degree.

Across the province, 23.5 per cent of the population has a university certificate, diploma or degree.

In the 35-44 age bracket for the same category, the local figure is 14.1 per cent compared to 23 per cent provincially.

And while the percentage of people between the ages of 20-34 who haven't finished high school is higher than the provincial average, the percentage is better than

for people who are older.

Of those people aged 20-34, 19.1 per cent here don't have a high school graduation certificate compared to 14.6 per cent provincially.

In the 35-44 age category, the local percentage is 19.7 per cent compared to 17.5 per cent provincially.

And in the 45-64 age category, 31.7 per cent don't have a high school certificate compared to 23.5 per cent across the province.

As it turns out, B.C. had the highest-educated working-age population amount the provinces.

More than 1.2 million people aged 25-64 had graduated from a trade school, college or university in 2001.

That represents 56 per cent of B.C.'s entire working-age population, up 47 per cent a decade earlier.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

## The Mail Bag

### Gov't gets a warning

Dear Sir:

There was good news from Geneva recently. Good news for thousands of public sector workers throughout B.C. The International Labour Organization (ILO), a United Nations body, ruled on March 27 that the B.C. Liberals' passing of Bills 2, 15, 18, 27, 28 and 29 violated the United Nations convention on freedom of association.

These bills affected more than 150,000 workers in the health, education and community social service sectors and imposed contracts on teachers, health science professionals and nurses. All the bills were found to violate international labour standards that are respected in democracies worldwide. Canada is one of the countries recognizing the authority of the ILO.

One of the most devastating impacts teachers and the educational community continue to feel is the loss of language guaranteeing minimum class size and mainstreamed student support.

I would fully expect the Liberal government to abide by the ILO ruling, recognize the devastation caused by their legislative binge and restore obliterated and stripped contracts.

Richard Eckert, President,  
Terrace and District Teachers' Union

### You call this help?

Dear Sir:

Our B.C. Liberal government in trying to deal with the budget deficit has created an economic deficit instead. We could have prevented war with Iraq by sending the BC Liberals over there to run that country. Whatever is left of their economy would be finished by Campbell and Co.

Now we have Campbell taking credit for increases to disable people's work exemptions when the extra money is being paid by Ottawa. Thanks to the federal surplus, disabled people who used to be exempted for \$200 above their disability pensions, can now earn up to \$400. So people who blame the former government for the \$200 deficit compared to the current amount should remember that Ottawa played Scrooge during the 1990s, which is why healthcare went down.

The fact remains that most of the disabled on B.C. Benefits are still not supposed to be able to work to remain in that category and the Liberals are still keeping us at below poverty incomes and reduced benefits.

Inflation is killing us when we've only had a \$50 increase in 10 years.

Brian Gregg, Terrace, B.C.

### It's getting weirder

An open letter to:

The city hall folks:

Hello:

Power does not become you. Nor does it behoove you. A recent issue of *The Terrace Standard* outlines, how you plan to spend a bunch of my tax dollars. As I previously noted, a house here worth \$115,000 pays about the same taxes as a lower mainland home worth \$375,000. The difference is, you could probably sell a house down south.

Building a sidewalk to a business that surely 99 per cent of the clients drive to is dumb, or do you think people will start lugging logging supplies in their backpacks.

Planning on putting in a second well beside the one that already delivers us too much calcium to our taps is lame, not to mention the past contaminants in the ground in the area and the present source from the adjacent highway that will eventually leach into the wells.

Thinking of borrowing millions more for a runaway expansion that will just invite trouble for Hawkair, one of our local success stories, is just plain crackers.

Instead you should encourage lower airfares by giving Hawkair and other small businesses tax breaks and concessions to make a go of it.

Moving a not-really-that-old building from one side of the tracks to the other at huge cost, rather than building a replica for less, has got to be the brainchild of some wingnut not from these parts. Sure hope you don't actually pay that guy.

We have bylaws that are restrictive and all these artsy fartsy ideas that are expensive. Meanwhile, city streets are in need of a makeover. Prince George has the big wooden guy, Houston has a fishing rod. We shouldn't be the sucker on the end of the line spending more than we can afford.

Tourists come here for the beauty of the place and the big fish. After this council gets off the idea of always sucking on the grant teat, after a bit of withdrawal, we'll all be the better for it.

Chris Spangl, Terrace B.C.

### Overstepping the mark

Dear Sir:

The man shot by police officers obviously did not have a weapon, and if he was already 100 feet down the embankment, what possible "threat" did he pose? The RCMP in Terrace get away with countless cases in which certain officers over-step their jurisdiction without retribution or consequence, and we're just supposed to look the other way.

It's about time these power high cops get prosecuted for their own blatant disregard for citizens of Terrace's safety, privacy, and civil rights. The only other case I can think of that draws similarities to our own, is the one involving the corrupt police department in L.A. that first came to the public's attention roughly about 10 years ago at the time of the Rodney King beating.

Kyle Mason, Prince George, B.C.

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CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

## The Mail Bag

### Terrace should look at Kitimat

Dear Sir:

Kitimat is acting to protect its interest. The whole community is united in an effort to ensure that Alcan does not sell power rather than use it for smelting aluminum.

The smelter workers' salaries are a recognized important component of the Kitimat economy and they contribute greatly to the Terrace economy. Indeed you might say that without the folks in Kitimat and the Nisga'a Terrace would be in terrible shape. Here in Terrace the continuing sorry saga of the New Skeena Forest Products (or SCI) stands in stark contrast.

Look carefully at most B.C. Liberal initiatives in the last couple of years. You will notice that they have one common thread. They all rely on saving money by reducing the costs of labour. That same mentality seems to be reflected in the actions of Alcan and the new owners of Skeena Cellulose but in the latter it is to increase profits at the expense of workers. But one thing is certain, they all effect the local economy.

In Kitimat the community held a public meeting at which the mayor and the city administrator gave an excellent account of the risks of Alcan's drive for more power sales. The turnout was so great they had to turn folks away at the door and call another meeting.

They have decided that the issue is important for Terrace and they will be holding a meeting in Terrace on May 6. It should not be a hard sell for Kitimat as folks in Terrace should understand that all those smelter workers' salaries spent in Terrace could be greatly reduced and that would put the "New Era of Prosperity" further out of reach.

There appears to be a lack of concern about the power sales issue from the Terrace business community or the community leaders. This lack of concern extends to the New Skeena Forest Products or SCI issue. There have been no public meetings called in Terrace to let the community express its outrage at the disaster that the new owners have inflicted on the region. Labour, business and community leaders are not united behind a common goal as they are in Kitimat. Perhaps that is why there has been no progress.

The battle continues in Kitimat and Alcan has increased its activities on the public relations front; a sign that at least it is paying attention to the community. In Terrace, Mr. Dan Veniez is laughing all the way to the bank, the workers are still standing outside the gates of the mill, logs are being exported, property assessments are falling and the community waits quietly. What a difference 60 kilometres make.

Helmut Giesbrecht, Terrace, B.C.

### Power sales plan requires thought

An open letter to:  
The Honourable Richard Neufeld,  
Minister of Energy and Mines for British Columbia

Dear Sir:

You are quoted in the Canadian Miner as saying "We firmly believe that the private sector should be out there developing the new energy sources that are required in British Columbia. They should also be allowed to generate power so that they can sell it into the grid to whoever they want to. We want to open up the market."

On April 14 I attended a meeting sponsored by the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce at which my MLA Roger Harris talked about energy issues.

When I asked him if private power producers would be allowed, under your government policy, to export directly into the United States he was unable to answer.

When I further asked if the power generated in Kemano will be considered new power under your policy, he also was unable to answer.

I would suggest that if you allow private power producers to export into the United States we will now become enmeshed in the free trade agreement and that power, when needed in the Province of British Columbia, will be extremely hard to recall.

The power produced by Alcan in Kemano cannot be considered new power. The investment and installation of this hydro capacity took place in the 1950s and the early 60s.

If you allow Alcan, Consolidated Mining Company of Trail, and the old West Kootenay Power Company to compete with new power producers, you will destroy any new production as these companies will be able to outbid, with old cheap power, and flood the market with the large amount of power at their disposal.

If you really wish to see new power projects developed in British Columbia, I would urge you to consider the above facts. Looking forward to your reply.

Ray Brady, Kitimat, B.C.

## So what happened here?

Dear Sir:

At a recent regional district meeting, Thornhill director Les Watmough made a motion directing the staff to begin the process of incorporating Thornhill as an independent community. Under Bourniot's Rules of Order and Roberts Rules of Order this motion as a main one is debatable, amendable and requires a simple majority.

There was some debate, and then the chair, in its wisdom called for a vote and a simple majority passed it. At this time any board member who doubted the outcome of the vote could have asked for a roll call vote. This was not done.

To reconsider a motion already passed at a meeting, a motion to reconsider is required, and must be moved by

one of the members voting in the affirmative for the motion, requires a second, is debatable and requires a 2/3 majority.

There was no motion to reconsider. But the Chair, for whatever reason, entertained dialogue out of which a situation arose where the Chair took a second vote on Director Watmough's motion which was defeated 6 - 5. The dialogue and the subsequent motion was clearly out of order but was not challenged, which leaves this citizen bewildered.

Bourniot and Rogers are lubricants for meetings to remain focused and all participants to be heard so that governance bodies may reach the best solutions to the problems they encounter.

N.C. Read, Terrace, B.C.

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# Alcan power issue focus of town hall meeting

KITIMAT officials will be here Tuesday May 6th to give Terrace residents their take on the Alcan power sales issue.

The town hall meeting happens at 7:30 p.m. at the Best Western Terrace Inn, organizers say.

They want to pressure the provincial government to take a firm stand to halt sales of electricity by Alcan.

Many Kitimatians believe the company will – if allowed – increasingly sell power at the long-term expense of aluminum production and smelter jobs.

"They're doing it incrementally," said Gaetan Pozsgay, a volunteer with the anti-power sales group Save the Northwest. "It's like the frog in the hot water."

One option is to seek a court ruling on whether those power sales violate Alcan's past agreements on its use of the water from the Nechako watershed.

The town hall meeting will feature a presentation by Kitimat mayor Rick

Wozney and town manager Trafford Hall.

Save the Northwest is also extending its petition campaign to Terrace.

Ray Brady says they have so far gathered the signatures of 2,827 people in Kitimat, or nearly 65 per cent of registered voters there.

It urges the government to insist Alcan honour its commitments "by using water power for the purpose it was given, that is, aluminum production."

Stew Christensen is one Terrace city councillor who has signed the petition – although not for the same reasons as its authors.

He says he signed because he agrees Alcan should live up to its 1950 commitment to use the power "in the vicinity of the works."

"I don't see the 'vicinity of the works' just being Kitimat," Christensen said, adding power could be used in Terrace or even Vanderhoof.

"As long as the power is being used in the vicinity of the works I can live with that," he said, adding that would most likely be

Kitimat or perhaps on land between Terrace and Kitimat.

"I don't want to chase the power away from here either," he said. "I want

things to happen in the northwest."

Kitimat's mayor is to

make a presentation to Terrace city council April 28 on the issue.

## Excel drivers reject offer

UNIONIZED truck drivers for Excel Transportation Inc. narrowly rejected a new contract offer last week.

The latest company offer asked workers to take a 10 per cent reduction in the total cost of their collective agreement.

The company gave the union the choice of where to make the cuts, said Rod Park, business agent with IWA local 1-424. The union chose to leave wages alone and cut major portions of the benefits package.

"So basically we gutted the collective agreement and got rid of a lot of things most people take for granted," Park said.

Of 110 workers who filled out ballots in Prince George and Terrace, 57 per cent voted to kill the deal. It was the second negative result in almost two years of negotiations.

Excel runs chip trucks for Canfor in Prince George and Eurocan Pulp and Paper in Kitimat. It employs about 60 workers in the Terrace area.

Truckers working for the

company have been without a contract for more than 18 months.

They had come to the table hoping for increases in wages and benefits. Those demands didn't even make it onto the table, Park said.

Excel had previously sent a letter to employees saying it would be forced to shut down its operations if drivers didn't agree to deep wage and benefit cuts.

"The company is indicating if it does not get significant changes to the collective agreement, their plans are to wind down the operation and for all intents and purposes permanently close it," Darrel Wong, president of IWA local 2-171, said in early March.

Park expects to sit down with the company to discuss how to get past the current impasse.

Florent Foucher, Excel's general manager, confirmed the agreement had been rejected, but could not comment further on what the company's next move might be.

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# Veniez, Wong have 'good meeting'

## Sawmill deal still elusive

By JEFF NAGEL  
DAN VENIEZ met IWA boss Darrel Wong face-to-face for their first real meeting last week.

But there was no immediate sign that a resumption of actual negotiations is on the horizon over the future of New Skeena Forest Product's mothballed Terrace sawmill.

The April 22 meeting happened almost a week after both men told the *Standard* they'd be prepared to meet and see if there's any chance at a deal to restart the mill.

"We agree on many more issues than we disagree on," Veniez said after the session with Wong. "That's a good thing."

"I got a strong sense that he wants to get his workers back to work," added Veniez, whose hired negotiator had dealt with the IWA previously. "There's no question about that. It's in no one's interest to see this go on indefinitely."

But Veniez indicated they haven't yet found a way to bridge the gap between the two sides' entrenched positions.

"If there's a basis there to proceed, I'd certainly like to do that," he said. "But it's in nobody's interest to raise expectations or prolong conversations that will lead to another stalemate."

Wong also cautioned against speculation.

"I don't think people should build too much into that conversation," Wong said, who declined to discuss details of what was said. "I don't want to build any false expectations for anyone."

He called it a good meeting and said the two were to meet again this week.

"All we're trying to do is open up some dialogue

so we can review whether there is any opportunity to sort through our differences."

Talks broke down in early December, when the two sides were very close to a six-year deal that would have met New Skeena's "Fresh Start" principles.

Among them, the sawmill workers would take a 20 per cent pay cut in exchange for a profit-sharing package and increased work flexibility, and reasonable ability for the company to contract out.

The company offer called for no pay increases in the first two years, but two per cent raises each year thereafter.

Veniez says any deal will reinstate the seniority rights of all workers. That effectively would restore lost recall rights that disappeared in recent weeks — a major concern of the union.

Negotiations collapsed over the number of weeks of vacation pay — the IWA wants seven while New Skeena is offering five.

Asked why they can't split at six weeks, Veniez said he can't offer more than the five vacation weeks pulp mill workers in Prince Rupert got when they signed a similar deal last summer.

"I'm not going to slap them in the face," Veniez says of the PPWC.

New Skeena's list of concessions is also challenging for IWA negotiators, who believe other forest companies will seize on any deal here as a precedent that they'll push to replicate in coast-wide talks now getting underway.

And the union is also reluctant to sign a deal that would end the flow of strike pay to members here without any firm date to restart the sawmill.

Veniez said he also told Wong his preferred timetable for restarting the Terrace mill.

"Ideally I'd like to fire up the sawmill in July," he said. "By September is when we would like to run

on three shifts."

But he concedes sawmill workers may not believe in the new owners' ability to relaunch the company until the pulp mill is running.

"We're on track for June in terms of getting [the pulp mill] going," Veniez said.

Veniez also said he now has contracts in place with companies he would not identify to provide the pulp mill a chip supply and to transport the chips.

"Fibering up is not going to be a challenge," he said. "The system is awash in chips."

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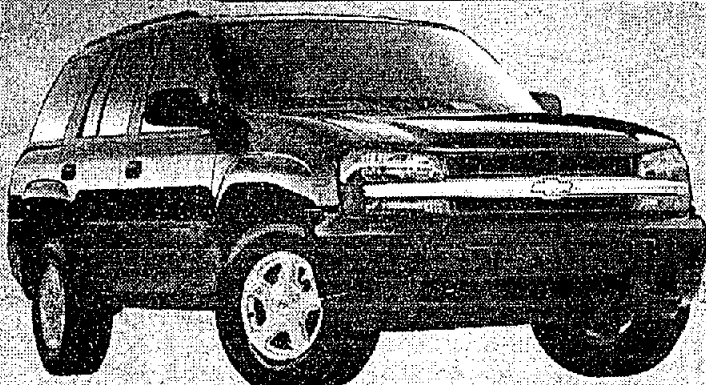
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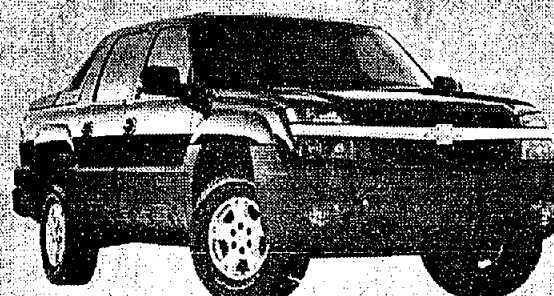


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# School review underscores challenges facing district

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Smallbrugge said the board wants to address both those points by hiring a new administrator to focus solely on improving student achievement.

The board will fill an administrative position that's been vacant since the fall, when assistant superintendent Sharon Beedle retired.

"We are going to put another person at the board level to look after and implement our educational agenda," he said.

The review team has also told the district to im-

prove its relationship with the district parent advisory council and First Nations partner groups, he added.

The review also found the district continues to be hampered by lingering bitterness over amalgamation, which took place in 1996, when the government merged the Kitimat district with School District 88.

Smallbrugge said having two separate contracts for teachers in Kitimat and in the rest of the amalgamated district, something that's come to end this year, perpetuated the lack

of unity.

Terrace and District Teachers Union president Richard Eckert is not surprised by the review team's report.

"I think the external team found lots of good things going on in the schools," Eckert said, pointing to the fact that the team says teachers here put their students first and are passionate about teaching.

The team also praised the district's highly-trained staff, supportive parents and communities, and other factors, including a

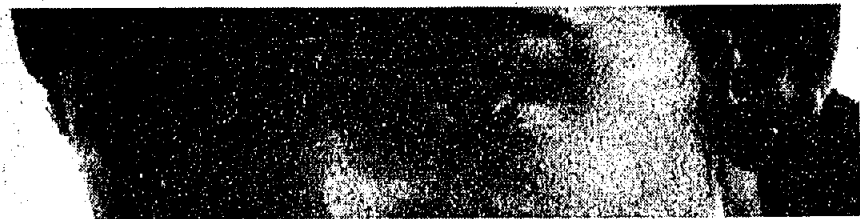
commitment to establishing partnerships with aboriginal communities.

But Eckert says he fears the district will be unable to keep its promises when budget constraints have forced it to increase secondary class sizes and move to a four-day week to save money.

"I don't know how you can say on the one hand, we're going to make all these gains and then on the other say we're going to increase class sizes and freeze resources," he said.

"I don't see how they go together."

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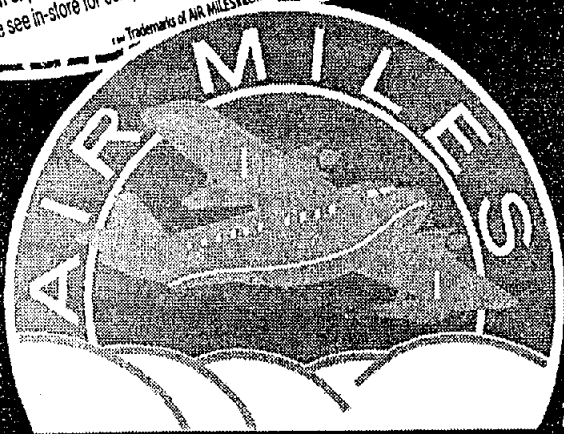


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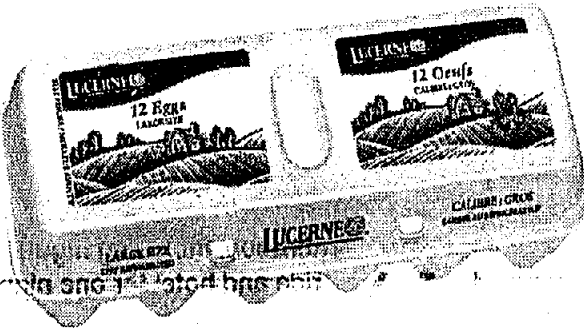
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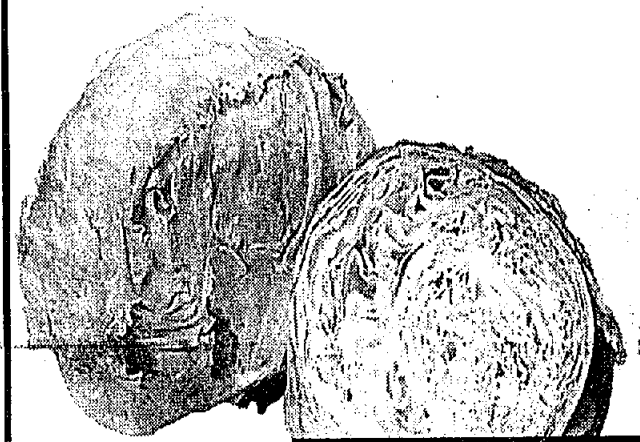
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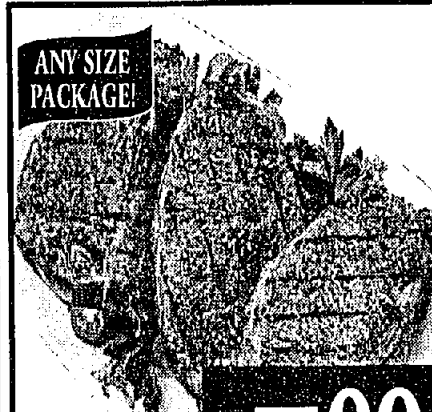
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# Pet owners urged to protect against deadly dog disease

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

DOG OWNERS are being urged to take precautions against a deadly disease that has already killed one local pet this month.

Because canine parvo virus is so easily spread, local vet Dr. David Farkvam is recommending unvaccinated dogs be kept out of popular dog-walking areas.

"Don't go to the areas where all the dogs in Terrace are going, because you are going to invite disease," he said. "At least until you've got three vaccines under your belt."

Parvo, a virus which can survive in the ground for up to a year, is most commonly found in places dogs frequent such as kennels, parks, trails and animal shelters. Dogs get parvo by licking or sniffing an infected dog's feces.

Farkvam said there's no outbreak yet, but the death of one dog has raised warning flags.

Carrie Russell's six-month-old bull mastiff-rottweiler cross Nikki died April 17 after contracting the disease.

"It hits them really hard," says Russell, adding only four days passed between the appearance of Nikki's first symptoms until the day she died.

"It affected her liver and her kidneys and she had hardly any white blood cells left in her body."

Early signs of possible parvo infection include lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting and within days, blood in the feces. The



CARRIE RUSSELL hopes dog owners will get their pets inoculated. Her dog Nikki died April 17 after acquiring parvo. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

virus causes the lining of the gut to be stripped away, preventing anything from being absorbed by the body, Farkvam says.

When caught early on parvo can be treated successfully with about a 90 per cent survival rate.

Russell wishes her dog had been vaccinated - the best way to guard against parvo. She put off getting Nikki vaccinated because she couldn't afford the shots at the time.

In retrospect, she says vaccinating would have been a small price to pay when the alternative is the death of a pet and hundreds of dollars in vet bills.

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"The vaccine works really well, but there has to be a number of booster shots because it takes time to build up an immunity to the disease," Farkvam added.

Some breeds, such as rottweilers and dobermans, are genetically susceptible to acquiring parvo, he says, adding upwards of 90 per cent of the infected dogs coming to his practice are rottweilers or rottweiler crosses.

Russell thinks Nikki may have picked up parvo

on Ferry Island, the only place she says she walked her dog.

"Down there there is a lot of feces around because a lot of people don't pick up after their dogs," she says.

She also wants dog owners to be more responsible for cleaning up after their pets while in public.

City of Terrace bylaw enforcement officer Dave McMurdo says not picking up after your pooch carries a fine of \$50, adding dog owners should take advantage of free poop bags available at staggered stations on Ferry Island, the Grand Trunk Pathway, Christy Park and other locations around Terrace.

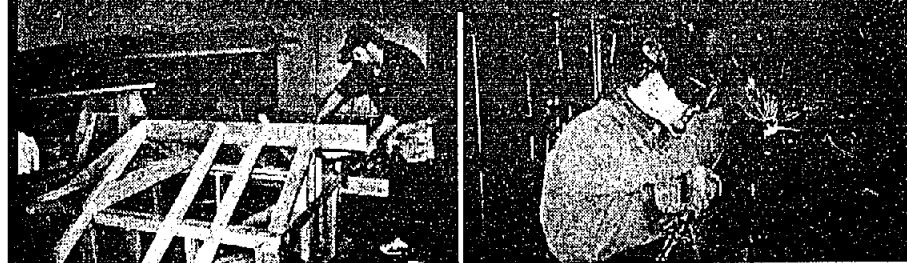
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## SPCA not a sanctuary for unwanted animals

Perceived 'no kill' policy makes Kitimat shelter a pet magnet



### ■ Pump is up

**READY TO GO:** The pump and motor from the Frank St. well have undergone careful scrutiny by city officials since being pulled from the well two weeks ago. Extracting the equipment was a challenge in itself because the pump and motor had separated from a column housing and were left behind at the bottom of the well. City mechanic Art Bourassa custom-designed the smaller extractor device at right to hook onto the pump's fins and retrieve it and the motor. The motor is expected to be shipped either to Calgary or Vancouver for work. **JEFF NAGEL PHOTO**

**By JENNIFER LANG**  
KITIMAT'S SPCA is being used as a dumping ground for unwanted pets from places like Terrace and Hazelton, says regional district vice-chair Joanne Monaghan.

Last year, the BC-SPCA introduced what's been called a "no-kill" policy for its shelters, including the one in Kitimat.

Since then, Monaghan says, pet owners from as far away as Terrace, the Hazeltons, Smithers, Houston, and Burns Lake have been bringing their animals to Kitimat's SPCA in the hopes that they'll have a better chance of finding homes than at local animal shelters.

Not true. A new report compiled by the Kitimat Stikine regional district shows more than 500 animals (400 cats and 100 dogs) were euthanized at the Kitimat SPCA last year - 136 at the owners' request.

As many as 90 per cent of the animals brought into Kitimat's SPCA are from out of town, the report found.

"I think the word is getting out, that's as simple as I can say it," said Monaghan, who's also a Kitimat councillor. "If they have to get rid of their pet, they bring it down to Kitimat because they know it will never

be euthanized."

The Kitimat-Stikine board has agreed to look at turning the Thornhill Animal Shelter into an SPCA-run facility - an option that's now being investigated by administration.

Monaghan, who's adopted three pet cats from her SPCA over the years, says the Kitimat facility recently held more than 100 cats at one time.

"Just to keep the litter boxes clean is a nightmare."

The RDKS board plans to meet with the regional manager of the BC-SPCA in April or May to find out more.

It could be that the SPCA could run a pound or provide other services in the regional district.

The report says the SPCA's primary mandate is to investigate reports of cruelty to animals, but it also operates shelters and even provides bylaw enforcement in some communities in B.C., including Kitimat.



**Joanne Monaghan**

It's also looking at potential partnerships with municipalities that don't presently have SPCAs.

Contrary to public perception, the new "no kill" policy is more accurately called a maximum adoption policy.

SPCAs euthanize dogs suffering from severe kennel stress or are otherwise unfit for adoption because of behaviour or health problems.

Approximately 35 per cent of the animals brought into the SPCA in Prince Rupert last year were eventually euthanized, the report continues.

There, the city still provides its own animal control services while the SPCA operates the pound.

Prince Rupert pays the SPCA \$44,000 a year, with the provincial body and donations subsidizing the rest of the \$211,000 in annual operating costs.

The Thornhill Animal Shelter, which also performs bylaw enforcement, operates at about \$120,000 a year. The shelter euthanized 80 dogs and 178 cats last year.

The Kitimat SPCA performs both animal control and pound services, costing the district \$90,350 a year, with the BC-SPCA topping that up if needed. Last year's operating costs exceeded \$130,000.

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# City sets its final property tax rates

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While school property tax rates are rising nearly three per cent – on Victoria's orders to help pay for an infusion of money into the school system – most people here will actually pay less for that portion.

That's because most Terrace properties declined in value by more than that amount in the latest assessments, city finance director Judy Degerness said. The average drop in assessment was five per cent.

But the savings on the school side will be more than offset by major hike in the hospital tax rate.

"It's more than double – about two and a half times," notes city councillor Stew Christensen.

That increase goes to the regional hospital district, with most helping pay for the newly built Kitimat hospital.

Meanwhile, city council has stepped up tax rates slightly to make up for decreased assessments. The end result is that the city will collect about the same amount from taxpayers as last year.

Homeowners whose assessment declined by the average amount or more should pay the same amount or less on the city part of the tax bill.

Mayor Jack Talstra's

Spring Creek Drive home, for example, is assessed at \$154,800 – a \$10,000 decrease from the previous year. But his city tax bill will be almost identical at \$2,421 this year, a decrease of just \$7.

New Skeena Forest Products remains the biggest payer of city property taxes – if it pays – at \$683,000 this year. Its sawmill is assessed at just under \$8 million.

West Fraser will pay the city \$316,000. The city will collect \$279,470 from the Skeena Mall, \$187,036 from Canadian Tire and \$144,207 from Westfair Properties, which owns the Real Canadian Wholesale Club.

## Airport losing its manager

AIRPORT manager Rick Reed is leaving Terrace.

He has been hired to manage Abbotsford International Airport starting May 5.

Reed has run the Terrace airport, since renamed Northwest Regional Airport, for the last three and a half years since the federal government handed it off to the Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society.

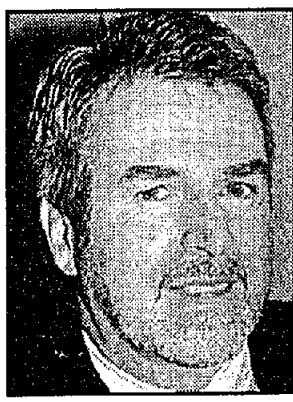
"We're sorry to see him

go but we wish him well," airport society president Fraser Mackie said.

Reed oversaw a period of innovation at the airport, including the multi-year drive to get an improved Instrument Landing System, which powered up last November.

Reed has offered to assist during the transition to a new manager.

The search for a replacement is now underway.



Rick Reed

## Timber reforms alarm RD board

REGIONAL directors are writing to oppose new forestry reforms – particularly to allow timber to be taken anywhere in B.C. for milling.

The Kitimat-Stikine regional district board also objects to allowing forest companies to sell parts of their tenure off without public consultation.

The motion was led by Kitimat councillor Graham Anderson and passed at the board's March meeting.

Terrace mayor Jack Talstra, who was with for-

ests minister Mike de Jong as he made the announcement, said some reform is needed.

"We have to change, we have to do something different," Talstra said. "The system is broken now."

Some directors also doubted the minister's pledge to turn part of the timber taken back from major licensees over to communities' and aboriginal groups.

Hazelton mayor Alice Maitland predicted the timber offered to towns

will tend to be in areas that would be tremendously unpopular for a forest company to cut – such as community watersheds and the most picturesque mountainsides.

"What are we going to get – the wood that grows on the tops of the mountains?" she asked.

The regional district also plans to take up Talstra's idea of seeking a share of stumpage to make up for lost property tax assessments in towns that lose sawmills as a result of the reforms.

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The District of Kitimat has been protesting increasing power sales at the expense of aluminum production with the provincial government and with Alcan, to no avail.

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## YOU! BE THE JUDGE

### The Grandpa, the Biker and the Drunk

"Alright children," Mrs. Vernon announced to her third grade class, "get your dinosaur projects ready for the presentation. Your parents will be here soon."

The class scrambled into action, except for Jodie who was sobbing at her desk. "Ever since my mother died, everyone's fighting."

Mrs. Vernon tried to be comforting. "Your family loves you. Here comes your grandfather now."

Jodie ran to the door. "Hi Grandpa!" Grandpa frowned. "Someone used her blouse for a napkin at lunch."

Jodie looked down. "Sorry."

"Don't worry. When I get custody, there will be more order in your life."

"DON'T BE SO SURE, OLD MAN!" Grandpa turned toward the door in shock. It was Boris.

"Daddy?" Jodie asked, confused. "How dare you storm in here after years of absence?" Grandpa barked. "Jodie doesn't even know you."

"Well, I'm here now." Suddenly, a fleet of motorcycles roared into the parking lot. The children ran to the window.

"Children! Back to work," Mrs. Vernon exclaimed.

Spike sauntered in with a helmet in one hand and a cigarette in the other. His biker buddies followed.

Spike hugged Jodie. "Hey, Kitten!" "Hi, Daddy. Hi, Muscles, Hi Tiger."

Boris frowned. "Why is she calling that man 'Daddy'? I'm her father."



BY CLAIRE BERNSTEIN

Grandpa scowled. "Neither of you are fit to tie her shoelaces."

Spike tensed up. "I'm her step father!" "And a great role model with those biker friends," Grandpa Al huffed.

Spike scooped Jodie up, and put her in the buggy seat of his motorcycle to take her home.

"Enough of this. We'll settle all this in court, once and for all."

### IN THE COURTROOM

Grandpa pleaded. "I've had success raising kids and Jodie's known me since she was born. Spike is a biker, he does drugs, and his friends are shady. Boris... he's a drunk."

Spike stood up. "I'm off the drugs. Your Honour, I've been a great stepfather to Jodie for years. Jodie wants to be with me and she needs continuity. Grandpa is a domineering old man."

"I'm the only real father here," Boris exclaimed. "I've stopped drinking and my live-in girlfriend is a wonderful person with parenting experience. Spike, on the other hand, would be a struggling single father."

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# Timber transfer falls short of aboriginal demands

**BY JEFF NAGEL**  
NORTHWEST aboriginal leaders say the province isn't giving them enough of the timber it plans to claw back from major forest companies.

Forests minister Mike de Jong last month unveiled plans to take back close to 20 per cent of the timber from all major licensees in B.C. and redistribute it.

But speakers at a Northwest Tribal Treaties conference here denounced the policy changes, saying extra timber and cash is designed only to pacify native groups, not make them full partners in the woods.

"This is peanuts," said Kitkatla chief councillor Clifford White. "We can't even run a small company with what they're offering us."

Close to half of the 20 per cent takeback will be given to aboriginal groups, boosting their control of forest land from the present three per cent of B.C.'s timber to about eight per cent.

New Skeena Forest Products here will lose 337,612 cubic metres under the takeback.

The March 24-26 conference in Terrace was where de Jong was supposed to meet northern B.C. aboriginal leaders to sign a protocol agreement they hoped would lead to a much more generous forestry handover.

They had demanded half the forest revenue in the north be shared with



Mike de Jong



Gerald Wesley

them and half the timber in existing licences be taken and given to them.

Instead revenue sharing is to start at \$15 million this year and grow to \$50 million by 2005. That's

He said even natives didn't expect to get all they demanded.

"To quote from one chief: 'De Jong would have to be drunk to agree to it,'" the minister said.

**"Sure there are some people out there who say it's not enough. For some people it will never be enough."**

about four per cent of net forest revenue - stumpage less the total forests ministry budget.

Aboriginal leaders also wanted compensation for timber already removed, joint forestry decision-making powers and more input into the policy reforms.

They say their hopes were fanned when de Jong told them at a March 3 meeting their goals were "achievable in short order."

De Jong said the extra timber and cash will create real aboriginal opportunity.

"Well, I'm not."

"Sure there are some people out there who say it's not enough. For some people it will never be enough."

Gerald Wesley, negotiator for the Tsimshian and co-chair of the Northwest Tribal Treaty group, said the timber transfer isn't as much as hoped for, but he was prepared to give the Liberals credit for making progress.

"I do realistically see them trying to reach out and establish a more positive alternative," Wesley said. "It's a hell of a long way past where we were a

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The Northwest Fire Centre area covers from Endako in the east to the Queen Charlotte Islands in the west and from the Yukon border in the north to Tweedsmuir Park in the south.

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JENNIFER LANG

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## Around Town

### Authors' open house

LOCAL LITERARY stars gathered at a local bookstore Saturday to mark B.C. Book and Magazine Week and National Magazine Week.

Anna Beddie, owner of Misty River Books, which turns 15 this year, said the April 26 open house featured a who's who list of Terrace authors.

Established local writers were on hand, including children's author Brenda Silsbe (*The Bears I Know, A Tree is Just A Tree*), Kermode bear buff Tess Tessier (*Spirit Bear*), and Yvonne Moen (columnist and co-author of *This Old House*), and members of the Terrace Regional Historical Society (*Terrace Anecdotes*).

They were expected to be joined by Robert Stanley, author of *Northwest Native Arts: Basic Forms*, 2002's bestselling textbook on north-west coast artistic design elements, and prospecting enthusiast Abe Borden, who's penned a series of "rock hounding" books featuring places in and around B.C. Invitations also went out to the Terrace Writers' Guild and Joe Pelletier, author of *The World Cup of Hockey: a History of Hockey's Greatest Tournament*.

Beddie says she hopes to organize another authors' open house during Riverboat Days.



CNC SCHOLAR Sharon Andersen  
**Scholarship is handy  
for CNC student**

A COLLEGE student from Terrace with a 4.0 grade point average was surprised to learn she is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship.

Sharon Andersen, an early childhood education student at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, earned the largest scholarship granted during this year's spring awards ceremony.

She knew she was in good academic standing but realized competition for scholarship money would be stiff because so many students applied. There were more than 5,000 scholarship applicants this year.

"I was really happy," Andersen said, recalling the moment she learned she'd earned the Canfor Corporation scholarship. "I thought, 'I can put it toward my student loans to help pay them back.'"

She plans to pursue her chosen field at an infant and toddler centre after completing the 10-month-long program. She hopes to eventually open her own day care in the Prince George area.

### Take flight Saturday

IF YOU'RE heading over to Hawkair's Hangar Party on Saturday afternoon, you might want to pack your bags first.

You could win a free overnight trip to Vancouver in a suitcase draw at the party, scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday May 3.

The hangar party is the home grown aviation company's way of celebrating Terrace's 75th and Kitimat's 50th birthday celebrations. And what better place to hold it than inside the Hawkair hangar at the Northwest Regional Airport?

The festivities include a barbecue presented by Terrace firefighters, a women's soccer demonstration and live music by Terrace's own Kingfish, a rousing local rock band.

### Comic book giveaway

THERE MAY BE no such thing as a free lunch, but there is something called Free Comic Book Day.

So pay attention to that tingling sensation in your forehead. It's your Spidey Sense telling you that on Saturday, May 3, shops across North America will be giving away free comic books to new customers. Here in Terrace, head on down to Comic Encounters at 4722 Lazelle.

It's the second year in a row the comic book industry has joined forces for the event.

The aim is to encourage more people to read comic books, a vibrant but often trivialized artform. Fans say they're not just for kids anymore, and haven't been for a long time.

Comic book super heroes, meanwhile, are enjoying a huge surge in popularity, thanks to Hollywood blockbusters like *Spider-Man* or the *Batman* series. It's no coincidence that this year's Free Comic Book Day takes place the day after the *X-Men* sequel opens on movie screens.

Many different comic publishers - from mainstream powerhouses like Marvel to alternative publishing houses - are sponsoring the giveaway. The freebies are special Comic Book Day editions. Titles range from Archie Comics to the new Robocop series and everything in between.

# Reality check

Mike Weeber's portraits communicate both naive whimsy and profound insight.

By JENNIFER LANG  
PREPARE to be disturbed and amazed by the honest and revealing portraits captured by Mike Weeber's camera lens.

The New Hazelton photographer is emerging as a talented addition to the northern B.C. artistic scene.

His latest exhibit, on view at the Terrace Art Gallery to May 2, demonstrates a maturing artistic sensibility that's filled with compassion for the human condition.

There are some still life shots, but for the most part the show is comprised of portraits.

Weeber, a freelance photographer for the *Interior News* in Smithers, brings a rare truthfulness to his work; even his more pedestrian semi-nude portraits have recorded something more meaningful and

illuminating and heart-breaking as technically proficient the black and white images.

We meet Elvis, a well-known Hazelton resident who was an aboriginal carver until his promise was destroyed by alcohol.

Or consider the portrait of Nathan Windle, an intense-looking young man fiercely smoking a cigarette.

The caption describes a grandfather telling his grandson a story about two wolves - one of anger, one of happiness or hope.

"Which one is bigger?" the old man asks. "It's the one you feed the most."

Juniper, a young homeless addict Weeber encountered on the streets of Vancouver, wrote him a poem in return for Crack money.

It's a bit of a rogues gallery, with schizophrenics and beggars side by side with weight lifters and

**It's a rogues gallery, with schizophrenics and beggars side by side with weight lifters and dreamy-eyed girls.**

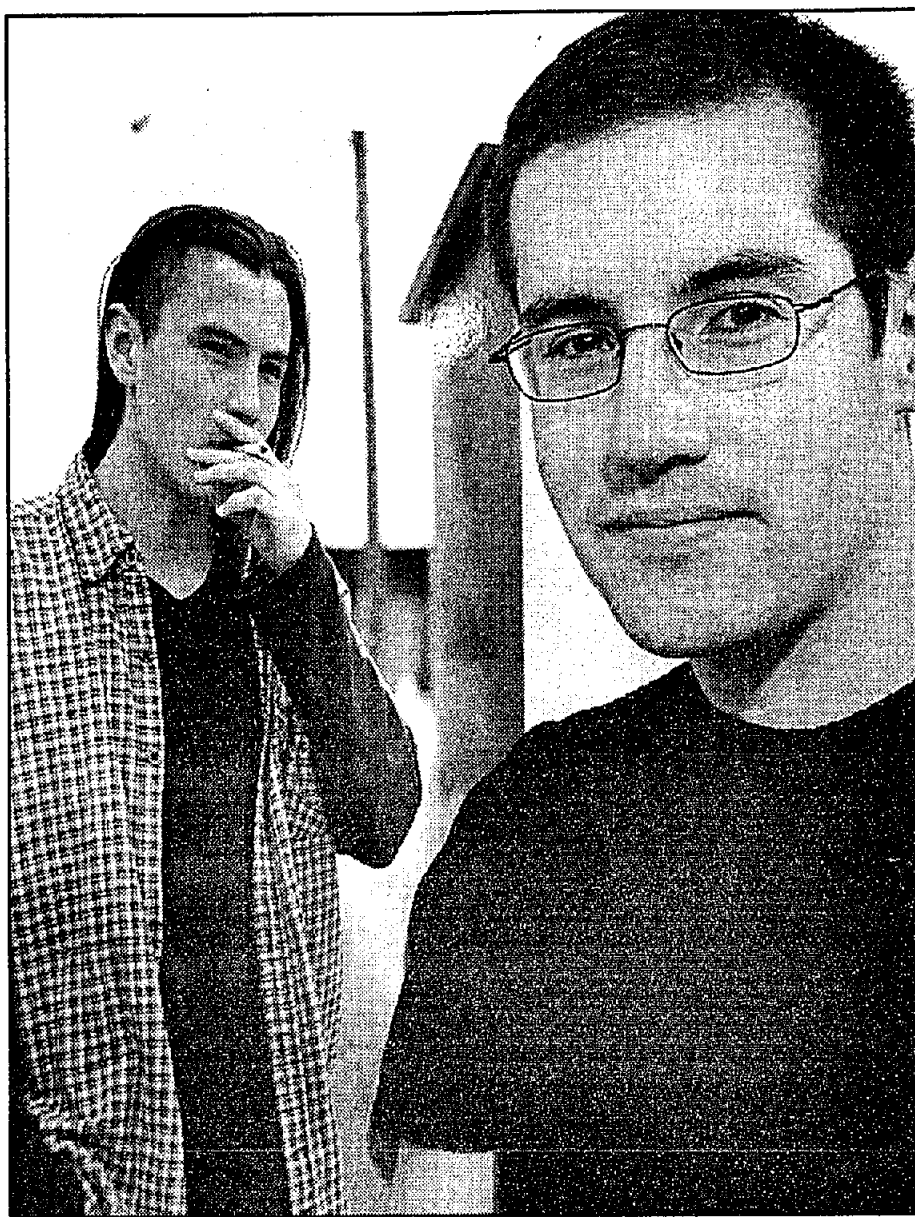
enduring than surface beauty.

Weeber gets the essence of a subject's story in short, handwritten captions accompanying the photos that communicate both naive whimsy and profound insight.

These notes are often as

dreamy-eyed girls but there's an undeniable humanity at the core of each image.

A wild-eyed young woman thumbs a ride in the northern darkness, wearing a long, black coat that's open, revealing a skimpy tube top and hot



INTENSE PORTRAIT: Mike Weeber, right, stands next to his photo of Nathan Windle, one of his featured works. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

pants. Snow sticks to her velvety high heels. Her defiance is unforgettable, considering the stark fact that so many young women have gone missing from Highway 16. The show ends Friday at the Terrace Art Gallery.

## Speaking in Tongues

# Getting betrayal out in the open

TLT production takes a risk with story structure

By JENNIFER LANG

A SLY grin creeps across Patrick McIntyre's face.

The two-time Terrace Little Theatre director clearly relishes the technical and logistical challenges that he and his cast and crew have confronted in staging *Speaking in Tongues*.

Due to the unusual storyline, the full cast hadn't rehearsed together until quite recently.

The dramatic mystery, opening tomorrow night at the McColl Playhouse, features a large ensemble cast of nine that boasts eight local stage veterans and one talented newcomer.

But that's not all. "It's a challenging play," McIntyre says, adding the actors have risen to the various demands of the script.

"The acting's top-notch. We've got some real talent. They're doing some of their best work."

Part murder mystery, part thriller, *Speaking in Tongues* enters compelling but strange territory.

"We want the audience to be on the edge of its seat," he says.

In the same vein as multi-storylined *Magnolia* or Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*, *Speaking in Tongues* follows the stories of different people who don't know each other but are intimately connected.

When one of the characters witnesses someone throwing away a woman's shoe, it sets up a murder investigation that frames the play - and the characters' hidden and open relationships to one another.

Although staged in two acts, the play moves through three distinct sections that offer the audience different points of view and shifts



ACTORS Andy Roth, left, and Brent Carver in a scene from *Speaking in Tongues*.

in perspective.

Information revealed later on in the story affects how the viewer should interpret action that took place earlier in the play.

"If you break the bonds of fidelity, it has a ripple effect on everyone."

The key to understanding *Speaking in Tongues*, McIntyre says, is the dream that each character shares.

He's staged the show using a minimalist set, putting a big importance on the role of

lighting to differentiate scenes and parts of the story when various storylines seem to be taking place simultaneously.

But don't worry: "It's only unusual in structure," McIntyre says.

He's also using music and sound to help dramatize the action.

*Speaking in Tongues* is Terrace's entry in the 2003 Skeena Zone Drama Festival, taking place in Prince Rupert later this month.

The winner goes on to the provincials.

## Nominations for award marking victory

DO YOU know a woman whose courage, integrity and hard work has helped advance the cause of women's equality - and enriched her community?

Status of Women Canada is calling for nominations for the 24th annual Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case. The deadline is May 16.

The awards honour the victory of the Persons Case, a landmark victory of five Alberta women - a band of politicians, activists, and writers - who won the right for Canadian

women to serve in the federal senate, paving the way for women to participate in public life.

Emily Murphy, the first female magistrate in the British Empire, Nellie McClung, Irene Paribby, Henrietta Muir Edwards and Louise McKinney petitioned the Supreme Court of Canada asking that the term "person" in the British North America, the precursor to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, include women.

Their first petition was rejected, but the Famous Five persisted, launching an appeal. On

Oct. 18, 1929, the decision came down. The group had won.

In 1979, the year of the 50th anniversary of the historic decision, the federal government created awards honouring women who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life of women in Canada.

Five awards and one youth award will be presented in October. For information contact Status of Women Canada at 613-995-7835.

Or point your web browser to [www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/persons/index\\_e.html](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/persons/index_e.html)



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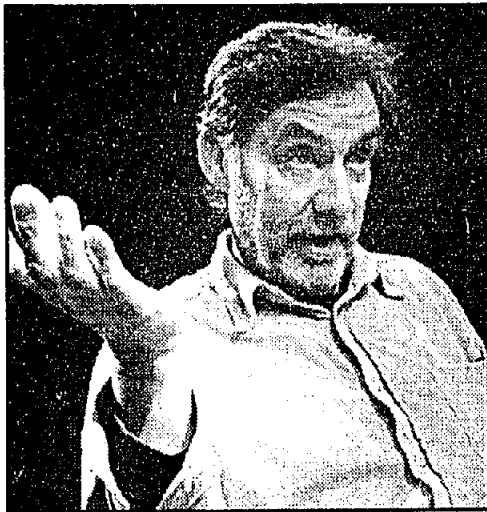
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## CONCERTS

■ Sophia's Dance Studio presents **A Night of Tribute**, an evening of dance and great entertainment. Saturday, May 3 at the R.E. M. Lee Theatre, at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$5. Tickets at the door.

■ The Terrace Symphony Orchestra's **Spring Concert**. Saturday, May 10 at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club. Featuring Mike Wen, French horn soloist and Gene Ramsbottom, clarinetist from the CBC Orchestra, as guest conductor. Musical se-



**DRAMATIC PAUSE:** Alan Weston in a scene from *Speaking in Tongues*, opening tomorrow night.

lections include Beethoven Symphony No. 1, 2nd movement, the Outdoor Overture by A. Copland and Mars from Holst's *The Planets*. Tickets \$10 at Misty River Books. Children under 12 are free.

## THEATRE

■ *Speaking in Tongues*, by award-winning Australian playwright Andrew Bovell. Presented by the TLT May 1-3 and 8-10 at the McColl Playhouse. Six nights only! The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel. Directed by Patrick McIntyre and featuring an ensemble cast of seasoned perfor-

mers. This play is heading to the zone festival as the TLT's 2003 entry.

■ Join the TLT for a read of *Toronto Mississippi*, a heart-warming drama about a mentally disabled girl, her dad the Elvis impersonator and her struggle for family identity. Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Call 635-1329 for more info.

■ The TLT is holding auditions for its 50th Anniversary celebration pantomime *Cinderella* May 11 and 12 at 7:30 pm at the McColl Playhouse. Backstage positions available. Call Nancy 635-1329, Chris 635-3334 or Marianne 635-2942 for information.

## TERRACE 75

Hawkair Hangar Party, Saturday, May 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hawkair Hangar at the airport. Celebrate Kitimat's 50th anniversary and Terrace's 75th birthday. Featuring a suitcase party (three couples will leave that night for a one night's trip to Vancouver, including hotel and transportation), entertainment by Kingfish, barbecue, games, tour the Bristol Freighter, and more.

## VISUAL ARTS

■ A Glimpse of Human Nature as Seen Through the Lens of Mike Weeber. Running to May 2.

■ The Terrace Art Association's 25th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, May 3. Featuring photos, pottery and more. Entry forms at the Terrace Art Gallery. Call Aron at 638-8884.

Fax 638-8432 to make the SCENE. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursdays. Events will run - space permitting.

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Youth Opportunities wraps up its youth art exhibit April 30 from 3:30-5 p.m. Entertainment by Barking Cats, an improv group from Skeena Jr., performance at 4 p.m. Exhibitors will be entered into a draw for prizes. We're located at 4639 Lazelle Ave.

The Canadian Cancer Society and Terrace Hospice Society invite you to a Grand Opening of their joint office. From 3-6 p.m. at the Terrace and District Credit Union Building, 207-4650 Lazelle Ave. For info call the hospice at 635-4811 or the cancer society at 638-6985.

## THURSDAY, MAY 1

UNBC Informational session. Students and university representatives will be on hand to speak with prospective students and their families. Starting at 7 p.m. at the UNBC Campus at 4771 Park Ave.

**NEW:** Parent Drop In group from noon to 2 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society. All parents and children are welcome. Activities like painting and playdough for children and parents. There's also a clothing exchange program. May 1, 8, 12, and 15, upstairs at the Kermode Friendship Society. Call 635-4906.

## MAY 2-3

Northern Outreach Action Against Racism Symposium at Northwest Community College. Workshops include racism and youth, strategies to address racism, and cross-cultural interaction. Sponsored by the Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society, Terrace & District Multicultural Association, Skeena Diversity Project, Terrace and District Community Services Society Contact Nirmal at 635-3583. Registration deadline April 30, 2003.

## SATURDAY, MAY 3

The Terrace committee of Ducks Unlimited holds its 18th annual fundraising dinner and auction Saturday, May 3 at the arena banquet room. For more information about tickets, call Gordie at 638-1945 or Cheryl at 638-8314.

Annual Women and Development Yard Sale. Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 4803 Walsh Ave. (no early birds, please) All proceeds support projects benefiting women and children in developing countries. Call Alisa at 635-0935 to arrange for drop-offs.

## TUESDAY, MAY 6

Learn to speak in public with ease and confidence. Terrace Toastmasters from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Telemedia Boardroom (back alley entrance). For info call Wendy at 635-3901 or Leydi at 638-8857.

The Breastfeeding Support Group meets at 7:30 p.m. May 6 at the Vera Henry Memorial Education Room at Mills Memorial Hospital. Topic: Natural family planning and fertility awareness and the nursing mom. All moms with nursing children welcome. Bring questions and concerns, meet other moms, have a snack and a night out. Call Cathy at 635-7397.

## SATURDAY, MAY 10

Perennial Plant Sale, an annual event presented by the Greater Terrace Beautification Society. Behind City Hall Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m. Get there bright and early. Donations of

potted plants are needed. Call Debbie at 635-3555.

## MAY 23-24

Free Health and Wellness workshop presented by the Registered Nurses Association Terrace Chapter and the Kermode Friendship Centre's alcohol and drug program. Friday May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Featuring a roster of local medical and nursing staff. Nominations for best doctor and nurse to come from the community. For more info, call Benita at 635-7670.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TONIGHT:** Teen Scavenger Hunt and Games Night at the Terrace Public Library. Bring a friend (a smart one) and join us for fun and snacks Wed. April 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. Open to ages 12 and up. Free! But preregister in person or by calling the library at 638-8177.

Join our evening Work Bees! Help the Greater Terrace Beautification Society maintain landscaping projects continuing each week through the spring and summer. We meet at City Hall at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. You don't have to be a member. Bring work gloves, a rake, etc. Call Laurie at 635-3466.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Volunteers will be canvassing door-to-door in the Terrace area Monday, May 5. Help us operate our vital social services in this region.

The Terrace Churches Food Bank May distribution. Last names starting with A-H May 5, I-R May 6, S-Z May 7, and anyone missed May 8. We're located at 4647 Lazelle Ave., rear entrance. Bring ID for you and your dependents. Open from 1-3 p.m.

Prekindergarten Immunization Clinics at the Terrace Health Unit at 3412 Kalum St. Wednesday May 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or Thursday, May 22 from 1:30-4 p.m. A drop in clinic is planned for May 23 from 1:30-4 p.m. Bring your child's Care Card number plus any record of immunizations. Please call 638-2200.

Camera Touring to May 17. Old or new photos of Terrace and the surrounding area. Categories: Our Playground, Scenic, Special Interest, and Nature. Prizes to be won! For more information contact Julia or Angie at 635-4546 or mail to:ts@telus.net or its@telus.net

Parenting babies and toddlers. A drop in group for parents and their children from newborns to age 2. From April 9 to May 14. Every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the Health Unit at 3412 Kalum St. Call 638-2200.

Dad's Group meets Mondays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 4665 Park Ave. Sponsored by the Terrace Child Development Centre. The focus is recognizing and supporting the valuable role fathers play in their child's life. Parenting support, speakers, information. Call 635-1830.

TOPS BC meets every Thursday evening at Mills Memorial in the basement cafeteria. Weigh in at 6 to 7:15 p.m. Meeting from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call 635-7519.

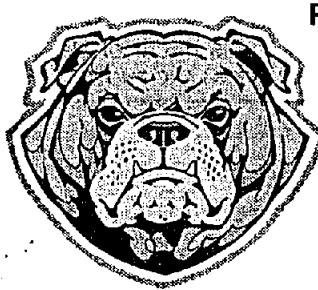
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## R.E.M. LEE THEATRE

## Coming to the R.E.M. Lee Theatre

## May

May 3, 2003 - Sophia's Dance Company presents: "A Night of Tribute" - 7:30 p.m. - All tickets \$5.00

May 9 & 10, 2003 - Centennial Christian School presents Brandon Thomas' world famous farce "Charley's Aunt" - 7:30 p.m. All seats \$10.00 (reserved seating). Available at Misty River Books, Centennial Christian School and at the door.

May 14, 2003 - A Showcase of Festival Plays. See in action these winners from the 2003 Northwest Zone High School Drama Festival! 8:00 p.m. - All tickets \$5.00

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May 16, 2003 - Vicki Parvialen presents: Dance Revue '03 - The 28th Annual Benefit Performance - 7:30 p.m., All tickets \$7.00 - All proceeds to the R.E.M. Lee Theatre Alliance Society

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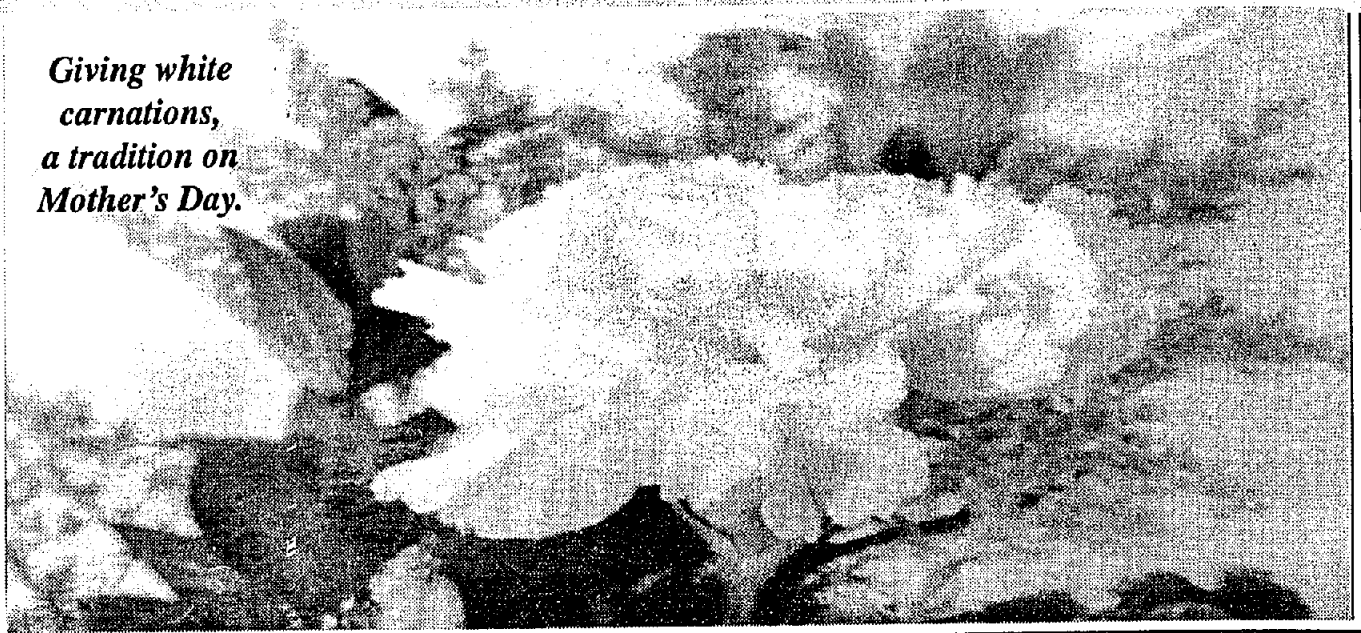


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Mom!

# A Mother's Love

## The History Of Mother's Day

Giving white carnations, a tradition on Mother's Day.



On the second Sunday in May, everyone makes a special effort to celebrate Mother's Day. Around the world, flowers, perfume, gifts, cards and chocolates are given to mothers by children—young and old alike—who want to show their love and appreciation.

But do you know how Mother's Day began? We owe this holiday to an exceptional woman, Julia Ward Howe, who had a habit of celebrating the mothers of her students. When she died in 1905, her daughter, Anne Jarvis,

wanted to pay homage to this special woman and took many steps to ensure that the second Sunday in May would be officially recognized as a day specially consecrated to Mothers.

Anne Jarvis wanted just one day to highlight the many important roles that mothers fulfill. The result of her hard work has been the official celebration of Mother's Day since 1912 in the United States and soon thereafter in Canada.

Anne Jarvis also started the tradition of giving white carnations to mothers on Mother's Day. The white

carnation represents beauty, purity, love, abundance, loyalty and perseverance: qualities that are shared by mothers all around the world.

## Great Ideas For Celebrating Mother's Day

This year, families will celebrate Mother's Day on May 13. Many children will surprise Mom with their finest drawings and a few kind words about how much they love her. Husbands will celebrate the occasion with flowers and a special gift, such as jewellery or perfume.

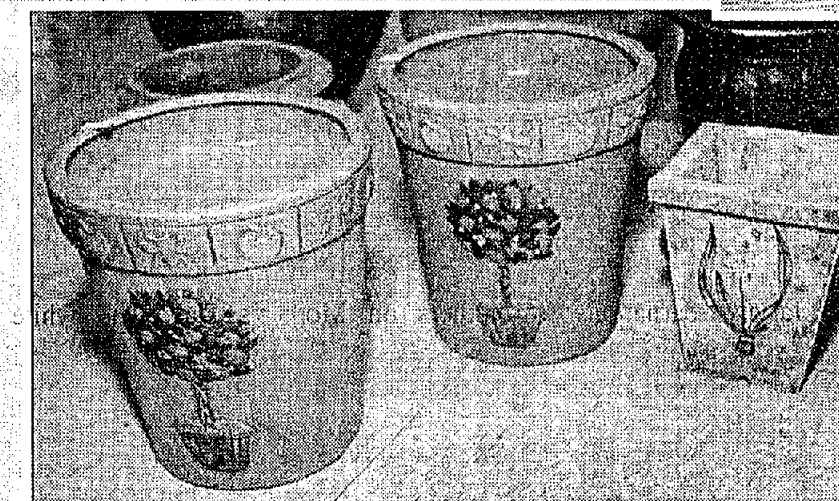
If you are having trouble coming up with ideas for a Mother's Day gift, take some time to look at the things that surround Mom. Chances are you'll soon notice the things she likes. Does she use her few spare moments to take a bubble bath with aromatic oils? Does she collect teddy bears? Does she read book after book? Does she wear silk scarves? Does she pay careful attention to her make-up and manicure? Does she play a sport? A few minutes of careful observation will reveal a lot about the type of

gift she would appreciate.

For the person who devotes her daily life to her children, this is the day to show Mom your love and appreciation. A family celebration is probably the best gift that you can give her.

You can celebrate Mother's Day away from the home by planning a picnic at a local park or enjoying a hassle-free meal at a favourite restaurant. You can also plan a small party at home to celebrate Mom's special day. You can make a special meal and take care of all of Mom's chores. You can also add to the festivity by decorating the house with balloons and ribbons. But most of all, what Mom will probably appreciate the most is being surrounded by the people she loves.

A few interesting gift ideas for the most important woman in your life.



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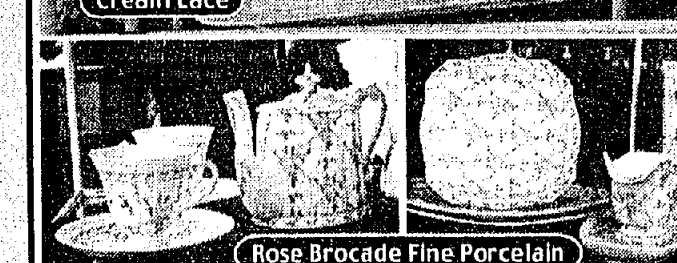
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# Ladies' curling club grew along with Terrace's passion for curling

By YVONNE MOEN  
ON FEB. 16, I was asked to sell 75th anniversary souvenirs at the curling club. Joining in on some of the curling fun were five lovely ladies - all curlers and certainly long-time residents of Terrace, so I thought I'd take a picture.

The game was first played at Lost Lake, a small spread of ice located about 11 miles north of town. Curlers in the late '30s and early '40s were required to travel to Lost Lake by horse and cutter. It was a full day's outing, complete with roaring bonfire.

The first set of curling rocks were brought in from the prairies. They're now on display at Heritage Park Museum.

In 1955, the Terrace Curling Club was organized. The president Neil McKeiracker and four official members - Vesta Douglas, Jan McKinnon, Ray Skoglund and Jim McConnell - mapped out a strategy that would lead to construction of a three sheet curling rink the following year. It was located in the George Little Memorial Park.

As Terrace grew, so did the game of curling. In 1973 the Terrace Curling Club moved into a new era and a new building at 3210 School St.

This year the Terrace Ladies Curling Club held its 46th Annual Valentines Bonspiel.

There are five ladies who have been involved in curling from the beginning.

Marie Harrison came to Terrace in September 1949, from the Burns Lake Government telegraph office where she worked to two years. Marie worked in the Terrace office. She was married to Parker Mills and had two sons, Clifford and Sidney. She was a stay-at-home mom until 1968 when she went to work for Keith Tucker Optometrist until 1973.

She bought Roses Shop from Rose Sharples and operated that business until she sold to Debbie Carruthers in 1990, then she retired. She's been a member of the ladies curling club since 1957. She was never a regular curler but did a few bonspiels.

Vesta Douglas and her husband Norval came to Terrace in 1950. Vesta was a school teacher in Terrace from 1951 to 1975. Vesta has been involved in many clubs in Terrace. She was awarded Citizen of the Year and is a Freeman of the City of Terrace.

Vesta's involvement goes back to the very beginning. Both she and her husband curled for a couple of years but Vesta has been a good supporter throughout the years.

I believe Edna Cooper (Toop) came to Terrace in 1943. While in Terrace she met and married Bob Cooper. Both have been very involved in the community.

Edna served as Councillor from 1968-72. Bob and Edna have been awarded the Order of British Columbia and this year have received Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal for many contributions to Terrace. Edna's curling history goes back to the old curling rink.

Lorraine Johnstone (Kenney) is the daughter of the late E.T. Kenney. He arrived in the Skeena area in 1911. Of the five, Lorraine has likely lived here

the longest. She was born in Prince Rupert in 1920. Lorraine married another old timer Lloyd Johnstone. Both of these families have done a lot for Terrace and Lorraine's father E.T. Kenney a pioneer that has likely gone out to do the most for the north. Lorraine's curling in Terrace goes back to the beginning in Terrace and continued to curl until the mid-'80s.

Last but not least is Jan McKinnon. If you want to know anything about the curling days in Terrace just ask Jan. She goes back to the very first meeting and she has curled for many years. She is a great supporter of the Curling Club. Jan is remembered from her days working at the Terrace Co-op.



FROM LEFT to right: Marie Harrison, Vesta Douglas, Edna Cooper, Lorraine Johnstone, and Jan McKinnon taken at the Vesta and Tim Sunday morning breakfast 46th Ladies Valentines Bonspiel.

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It had been a week since the intriguing call from Lewis. Neither he nor Joan brought up Lewis' proposition during that time. Still, it was there affecting them, infecting their conversations, insinuating itself into the most commonplace events in their daily routine, giving every one an insincere tilt.

Bill woke early. He'd slept on the couch. He hadn't slept well, but he'd chosen discomfort over the possibility of waking Joan. She had been working hard at the secretarial job she was overqualified for and hated, while he puttered around the house (as much as he wanted to putter on a house that belonged to someone else) read books, and watched TV.

Even though Joan gave no indication that she resented his temporary indolence, Billy could never completely convince himself she didn't. This feeling, and the unrest stemming from the recent contact from Lewis, made him edgy. The edginess made him moody. The moodiness threatened to turn to depression, which, in turn, made him yearn for depressants, so, he'd gone to the bar.

When he'd arrived it was 9:30 p.m. There were only a few people scattered about the lounge. Armand, the retired French Canadian faller, was sitting under the head mount of moose everyone in town knew would have been the world record if Matt, the one eyed guide outfitter and hotelier who owned the place, had cared to report it to the people at *Boone and Crockett*. The bell on the brute hung down only inches from Armand's head.

Billy pulled out a chair and sat opposite. A conversation with Armand was never dull until he drank too much, and stopped making sense.

"Where dat cute liddle girl?" Armand asked before Billy could say anything.

"Home. Tired."

"Eh, she work too 'ard. Work to 'ard fer dat tink Peterson..."

Before Armand could embark on tirade about Peterson - a justified rant, but one Billy had heard too often before - he changed the subject.

"You think it's a record?" he asked looking up at what remained of the moose.

Armand stroked his beard then ran the same hand over his semi-exposed pate and through the peppery mane behind it.

"Dat moose up dere, he's a baby compare to some da moose dat me and Matt pass on cuz dey too much work to get outta da bush. Don't mean a ting anyway. Trophy game is important like moose droppings is important. Ferget it eh."

Cindy was at his arm.

"What will it be, Billy?"

She had a radiant smile. She was attentive without being obsequious. A good waitress and a hard working single mom with three kids. Billy liked her a lot.

"A handle, Cindy," he said, then turned back to Armand. "Lewis called."

"Eh, dat's fine. Where dat terrible guy is?"

"Mongolia."

"What he do dere?"

"Same thing he does everywhere. He's guiding."

Billy filled in the few details he had. They talked until Armand started repeating himself.

"Eh, listen," he said. "You got to go to dat place. Last year dey take a tumour outta my guts. Big like my two fists toggeder. Who know, dere might be cancer cells floating aroun' inside me now, lookin' for a place to land."

The Frenchman's dark eyes fixed on Billy's.

"You got to grab da chance for dat kind of adventure."

Billy walked home along the lakeshore. There was no wind. Water lapped gently against the beach. The air was crisp. Summer was over, in a month winter would be crawling down the mountains and settling in to the valleys - another reason to take Lewis up on his offer. He walked past the museum. The outline of equipment, mining and agricultural artifacts more recent than ancient, was barely visible.

He staggered in, trying to be quiet, and flopped on the couch where he slept fitfully, wrestling bad dreams spawned by alcohol and stress of having to make a decision that stood a good chance of adversely affecting a relationship with a woman to whom he was growing increasingly attached. He heard Joan leave for the market early. Shortly after she left he got up, had coffee, then drove to the post office and persuaded Ellen to open up and give him the mail he should have picked up the day before. There were two envelopes. One official-looking letter, and a larger envelope decorated with Mongolian stamps.

To be continued...



MEMBERS of the Terrace Track and Field Association will be running on a finished track by the end of August. That's Victoria Johnson, Randeep Parmar, Jen Haynes, Doug Hayes, Teleza Shafooli and Robyn Cater. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

## Training ground

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

IT'S A bright, sunny spring afternoon. The cool air makes for perfect training conditions for a group of local teen-aged sprinters.

The athletes are running a drill to get them accustomed to passing a relay baton. They form long single file rows and jog about 200 metres passing the baton from hand to hand.

"It's go and pass - over the top," says Terrace Track and Field Association sprinting coach Doug Steele, demonstrating the proper blind-pass technique. "It's important the palm comes up and flat."

He watches as the two line-ups of athletes shuffle away, not on the surface of a track but on a grassy field.

The track at Skeena Junior School is nothing but some stick markers and dirt recently dug out of the soccer fields west of the construction site for the new replacement school.

Ground broke last week to make way for the new track.

By the end of August, if all goes according to schedule, a new asphalt covered track will be finished, says School District 82 maintenance superintendent Robert Gilfillan.

This is the second season local track and field athletes have been without a track because of construction on the new school.

Not having a track to train on has its disadvantages.

"It would be better if we had a track," says Doug Hayes, a Grade 11 student and middle distance runner. "I think it helps a lot - then you can actually know your times before you go into a competition."

The absence of precisely laid out distances a track has makes getting an athlete's pacing figured out accurately a challenge.

"You're not sure of your times, so you don't

know if you should push harder or not," says Hayes.

But he adds the important thing is that the athletes are getting the training and the coaching they need to prepare for upcoming meets.

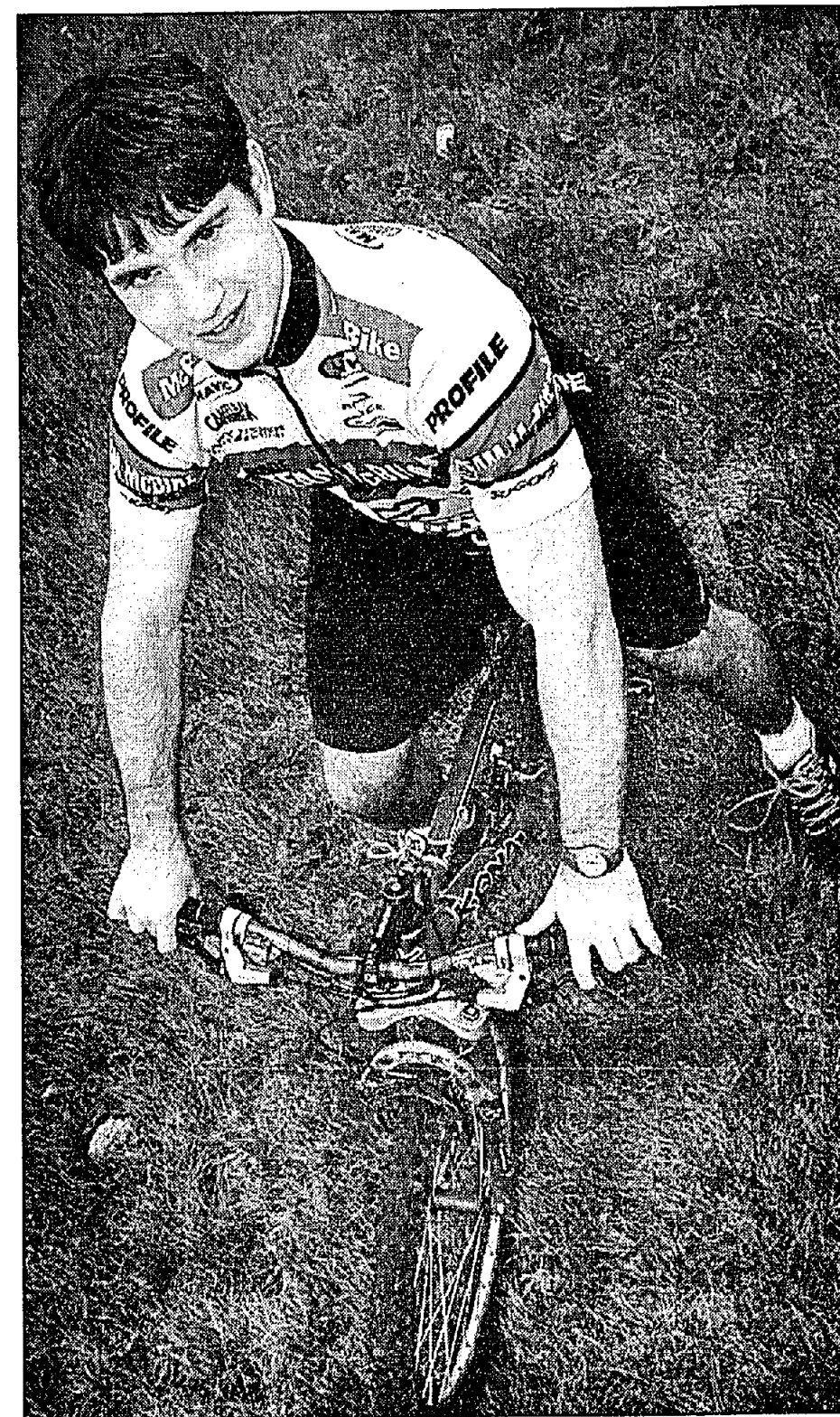
Last year was the group's inaugural season and club organizers are pleased with the interest local youth are showing in the club.

"One of the practices for sprinting there was 18 youth there," says one of the club founders, Dighton Haynes, adding, there's been an increase in numbers of athletes coming out this year as well as coaches.

The club has five coaches and nearly 30 athletes aged 13-18 from schools in both Terrace and Thornhill. Haynes says there's still plenty of time and space for new members to join.

Athletes are attending at least four meets

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TYLER SHEASBY, 18, is ready for the Shames Mountain hill climb - a brutal uphill battle kicking off the biking season May 4. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

## Mountain bikers pumped for uphill battle

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

IT'S 13.1 kilometres of uphill agony, but for local mountain bikers it's become a longstanding tradition that's not to be missed.

McBike's Shames Mountain hill climb is the first event of the mountain biking season and sees riders tackle the winding road to Shames Mountain from the bottom up.

"This event has been going for, I think, 10 years now," says event coordinator Mike Christensen. "So it's kind of become a long time tradition."

Last year's event saw previously set records fall like dominoes.

"The records were totally demolished last year," Christensen says, adding it was the first year the event had been completed in under 40 minutes.

Top spot went to Smithers triathlete and biking guru Peter Krause.

He finished in 39:05, with local teen Vincent

Drouin who crossed the finish line just 44 seconds later.

The top times can be attributed to superb road and weather conditions.

"Last year the road was pretty smooth and that was the biggest factor," says Krause, who adds he's hoping to compete in the upcoming race to defend his top spot.

"If the road is dry and smooth that makes for good conditions."

The race has long been seen as a beginning of the season fitness test - and for some, the intensity of the race is as much a draw as anything else.

"It's a lot harder than most races because it's all uphill," says local mountain biker Tyler Sheasby. "It's pure endurance racing, so it's a good challenge."

The race is set to go at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Riders meet at the Shames Mountain turn-off of Highway 16 east of Terrace. For details call 635-5225.

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## NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services Society (NIFCS) is currently seeking the services of a qualified **Guardianship Social Worker** for the Prince Rupert area.

### POSITION SUMMARY:

The **Guardianship Social Worker (GSW)** provides appropriate services to the children in the continuing custody of the Director within the parameters provided by the BC Child and Family and Community Services Act and the Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services Policies and Procedures.

### QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

- Masters of Social Work Degree; Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Social Sciences degree plus a minimum of three (3) years experience in the Human Services field.
- Excellent communication skills both oral and written.
- Demonstrated abilities and experience in developing strong relationships with children, foster parents, biological parents, developing contractual agreements with clients, caregivers, and other professionals; balancing competing priorities; working under pressure; writing concise reports to various audiences; completing assessments, developing work plans, implementing plans and evaluating intervention success.
- Professional commitment, flexibility and good problem dispute resolution solving skills.
- Computer literacy on Database, Microsoft Word, Excel and other computer software.
- Must successfully pass the required **R.C.M.P. Criminal Records Check**.
- Must possess and maintain a valid **B.C. Drivers' License**.

**SALARY RANGE:** Negotiable - subject to skills/qualifications

**TYPE OF POSITION:** Full-time; subject to six (6) month probation and annual performance review.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2003

Interested candidates are required to submit a resume, covering letter and the names of three (3) work related references in confidence to:

Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services Society  
Attention: Associate Executive Director  
#200-4545 Lazelle Avenue  
Terrace, B.C. V8G 4E1 Fax: 250-638-8930

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For more information on Weldwood of Canada, visit our website at: www.weldwood.com

We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



## COAST MOUNTAINS SCHOOL DISTRICT 82

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY TREASURER

Applications are invited for the position of Assistant Secretary Treasurer. This position is excluded from Union membership.

The School District is located in North Western British Columbia and includes the communities of Terrace, Stewart, Kitimat, Kitwanga and Hazelton. Educational support services are provided to 6450 students and the District has an operating budget of approximately \$48 million. The District Office is located in Terrace, a community with modern medical, educational and recreational facilities.

The ideal candidate will have completed a recognized accounting program (C.A., C.M.A., C.G.A.) and will have experience in computers and computer application, preferably experience with the SDS system.

The individual will have specific duties in the area of financial data preparation and management, supervision of accounting functions, and some purchasing of supplies and equipment.

Applications, complete with resume and letters of reference, will be accepted until May 23, 2003 and should be addressed to:

Marcel Georges, CGA  
Secretary Treasurer  
Coast Mountains School District 82  
3211 Kenney Street  
Terrace, B.C. V8G 3E9  
Fax: 250-635-4287

## NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services Society (NIFCS) is currently seeking the services of a qualified **Administrative Secretary Assistant**.

### POSITION SUMMARY:

The **Administrative Secretary Assistant** reports to the Executive Director. The incumbent provides secretarial and administrative support services to the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director and Regional office(s). Coordinates all administrative functions for the organization, including the responsibility for simply accounting and other financial programs and the supervision of other clerical staff.

### QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum one-year Post Secondary and Administration experience and dealing with the public.
- Excellent communication skills both oral and written.
- Good knowledge of routine office practices and procedures.
- Demonstrated abilities and experience in developing strong working relationships with a diverse range of individuals. To establish priorities under a diverse workload.
- Computer literacy on Database, Microsoft Word, Excel Simply Accounting and other computer software.
- Must successfully pass the required **R.C.M.P. Criminal Records Check**.
- Must possess and maintain a valid **B.C. Drivers' License**.

**SALARY RANGE:** Negotiable - subject to skills/qualifications

**TYPE OF POSITION:** Full-time; six months to one year term to fill Maternity Leave. Subject to six (6) month probation and annual performance review.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
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## 328 Finance/ Mortgage

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**MOBILE HOME** for rent in Terrace Trailer Park. Fridge, stove, washer, dryer. Two bedroom with 20' x 8' addition. \$500/month. Call 250-837-6788.

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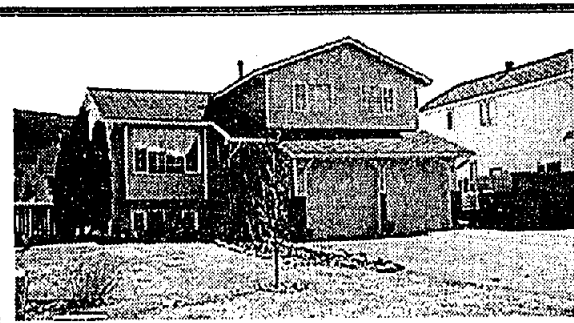
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## Sports menu

To get your game, event or meeting added to the Terrace Standard Sports Menu or Sports Scope, fax us at 638-8432, or e-mail us at: [newsroom@terracestandard.com](mailto:newsroom@terracestandard.com)

### May 2-4

■ Totem Saddle Club hosts Jill O'Neil clinic. For details call Peggy at 638-1507.

### May 3-4

■ Totem Saddle Club hosts Randy Ophus clinic. For details call Jolene at 635-8833.

### May 4

■ Shames Mountain Hill Climbing race. Meet at the Shames Mountain road turn off at 2 p.m. For details call McBike 635-5225.

### May 5

■ First game day and introductory session for the Terrace Ultimate Club. Meet at the fields west of Caledonia Senior Secondary at 6:30 p.m. For details call Richard or Kelly at 635-6636.

### May 10

■ TESSA badminton tournament 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Thornhill Junior School.

### May 18

■ Kilmat River Challenge 65 km biking road race. Terrace start 2 p.m. For details call McBike 635-5225.

### May 18

■ Totem Saddle Club poker ride in New Remo. For details call Lyn at 635-2793.

### May 19

■ Red Sand Root Chute cross country biking race. 11 a.m. start at Red Sand Lake. For details call McBike 635-5225.

### May 23 and 25

■ Totem Saddle Club hosts Jill O'Neil clinic. For details call Peggy at 63638-1507.

### May 24

■ Totem Saddle Club hosts spring schooling horse show. For details call Anita 635-7250.

### June 1

■ Totem Saddle Club hosts gymkhana, clear rounds and percentage days at the Thornhill Community Grounds 10:30 a.m.

### June 7

■ TESSA track and field meet 10 a.m. at Caledonia Senior Secondary School.

### June 7

■ Skeena River Relay - Prince Rupert start. Teams of runners pound the pavement of Hwy 16. For info call Charlene at 627-7877.

From B9

## Track season under way

this season including competitions in Smithers, Prince George and Kamloops.

Teleza Shafooli, 14, is training with the club for the first time this season - she's excited about the opportunity to travel around the province.

"I like to see how far I can go and challenge myself," she says, adding she's drawn to the competitive side of running.

Jen Haynes, 17, is no stranger to competitive track and field.

She's been competing in community track meets around the province for several years - sometimes the only competitor from Terrace to attend.

Haynes continues to compete in sprints, long

jump and triple jump.

"I don't like races that get too long," she says.

"Because that scary feeling you get in your stomach - I don't like that. The longer the race, the longer that lasts."

She's encouraged by the interest in the track club and hopes the organization will thrive in the next few years.

"It's better that you have more support in the community - it gets more people out," she says.

"It's mostly younger kids so it's good to see the interest."

Any student interested in joining the Terrace Track and Field Association can touch base with Dighton Haynes at 635-5082.

## TERRACE TENNIS CLUB

The tennis nets are up and the weather is cooperating so it's time to bring out the racquets! The Terrace Tennis Club would like to welcome tennis players of all skill levels to come down to the courts and see what we have to offer.

The club has exclusive use of the Halliwell courts every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30 PM to dusk. Sunday from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. In conjunction with the club's usual social doubles play, the following new special events are scheduled:

- For the month of May, every Sunday from 12 noon to 1:30, players are urged to bring out other family members to try the sport. Instruction will be available for beginner players.
- For players who want some help with that troublesome stroke or team play strategy, group lessons may be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday club nights.
- If there is significant number of younger junior players (ages 9-14), the possibility of their own club time could be scheduled if there is interest.

### MEMBERSHIP RATES

Adults: \$25 per person

- Includes:
- Tournament Play
  - Lessons
  - Membership with Tennis BC
  - Doubles and Singles play of all skill levels

We're looking forward to a great tennis season and hope to see returning and new members on the courts.

If you require additional information, please contact Steve @ 615-5490

## TERRACE TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP

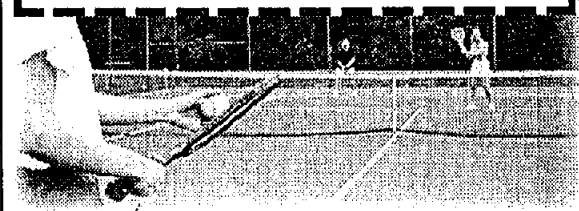
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Amount Due: \$25.00

Please complete and bring this with you to the courts.



## 815 LEGAL NOTICES



### CITY OF TERRACE NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT

#### ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE THAT an application has been made to amend Schedule "A" (Zoning Map) of Zoning Bylaw No. 1431-1995.

#### THE SUBJECT LAND:

The application affects the portion of land, within the City of Terrace, described as:

Southwest 1/4 of Lot 9, District Lot 977, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 1055 (4508 Eby Street)

#### THE INTENT:

To amend Schedule "A" (Zoning Map) of Zoning Bylaw 1431-1995 by changing the zoning classification of the property:

FROM: Agricultural (AR1)

TO: Rural (AR2)

To bring the property into conformance with the Official Community Plan.

#### BYLAW INSPECTION:

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BYLAW AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS MAY BE INSPECTED in the reception area at the City of Terrace Public Works Building at 5003 Graham Avenue, Terrace, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day from Wednesday, April 30th, 2003, to Monday, May 12th, 2003, excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

#### PUBLIC INPUT DETAILS:

Any persons wishing to voice their opinions regarding this application may do so in writing, and/or in person, AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 2003.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, R.S.B.C., 1996, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

TAKE NOTICE and be governed accordingly.

RON POOLE, Chief Administrative Officer

### AMENDMENT TO FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC VIEWING

Notice is hereby given that New Skeena Forest Products Inc., Terrace Operations, is making proposed Amendment # 7 to the Forest Development Plan for Tree Farm Licence # 1 available for public viewing. Amendment # 7 is for a Major Expedited Salvage Operation, and pertains to salvage of windthrown timber in TFL 1.

The Forest Development Plan shows the location and development of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance, and deactivation for the period of 2000 - 2007. The Plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. The proposed amendment to the Forest Development Plan is made available for review by the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests, as the proposed amendment may be revised as a result of written comments received. The amendment will be available for public review at the Woodlands Office of New Skeena Forest Products Inc., 4900 Keith Avenue, Terrace, B.C. from April 30, 2003 to May 9, 2003 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm or by appointment (638-5700 or 638-5718).

To ensure consideration, all comments must be in writing and addressed to New Skeena Forests Products Inc., Terrace Operations, 4900 Keith Ave., Terrace, B.C. V8G 5L8. All comments must be received by May 9, 2003.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Re: The estate of  
**ERNEST WILLIAM PETERS**  
Deceased formerly of Terrace, BC  
Creditors and others having claims against the estate of Ernest William Peters are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the undersigned Executors at #200-4630 Izabella Avenue, Terrace, B.C., V8G 1S6, on or before May 22, 2003, after which date the Executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims that have been received.  
**PATRICIA GAIL BUTEAU and KENNETH BRIAN PETERS** Executors  
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## Call for Proposals

### Assisted Living and Independent Housing with Support Northern Health Authority

Independent Living BC is a housing-for-health program facilitated by BC Housing in partnership with the federal government, regional health authorities and the non-profit and private sectors. Specifically designed for seniors and people with disabilities who have low to moderate incomes, Independent Living BC encompasses two types of housing: Independent housing with some support services, and assisted living for those who need a greater level of care. These housing units are self-contained, private apartments in developments where tenants are provided with personal care services.

As part of the provincial government's New Era commitment to provide an additional 5,000 new intermediate and long-term care spaces by 2006, Independent Living BC will create 3,500 new independent housing units with support services and assisted living units across the province. Of these, 1,500 will be newly constructed non-profit units and 1,000 will be converted from existing non-profit housing or health facilities. The remaining 1,000 units will be provided through rent supplements in private assisted living developments.

### Non-profit Societies

#### New Builds and Conversions

BC Housing, in partnership with the Northern Health Authority, has issued a call for Expressions of Interest to non-profit societies interested in providing assisted living and independent housing with support services through the Independent Living BC program. These housing developments may involve new construction, renovation or conversion.

Expressions of Interest must be made in a prescribed format and forwarded to the attention of the Co-ordinator of Program Implementation at:

BC Housing  
601-4555 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8

Submissions will be reviewed and approved on an ongoing basis. The Expressions of Interest document, along with the Independent Living BC Design and Construction Standards, Program Guidelines and other supporting documents, can be downloaded from the BC Housing Web site at [www.bchousing.org/Supp\\_Liv/](http://www.bchousing.org/Supp_Liv/) or obtained by contacting BC Housing at the above address.

Representatives of interested societies are encouraged to attend one of the following information sessions, and must register in advance by calling 1-800-257-7756 ext. 4761.

Dawson Creek  
Tuesday, May 13  
9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Health Unit  
Multi-purpose Room  
1001 - 110th Ave.

Prince George  
Wednesday, May 14  
9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Ramada Hotel  
Cranbrook N. Room  
444 George St.

Terrace  
Thursday, May 15  
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Best Western Inn  
Skeena Room #1  
4553 Greig Ave.

### Private Operators

#### Rent Supplements

In partnership with the Northern Health Authority, BC Housing is seeking proposals from private operators interested in the rent supplement component of the Independent Living BC program. Funded by the provincial government, rent supplements are provided to seniors and people with disabilities with low to moderate incomes to assist with their costs of renting in private assisted living developments.

Proposals for rent supplements must be received by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2003, forwarded to the attention of the Co-ordinator of Program Implementation at:

BC Housing  
601-4555 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8

All interested proponents are required to attend one of the following mandatory information meetings, and must register in advance by calling 1-800-257-7756 ext. 4761.

Dawson Creek  
Tuesday, May 13  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Health Unit  
Multi-purpose Room  
1001 - 110th Ave.

Prince George  
Wednesday, May 14  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Ramada Hotel  
Cranbrook N. Room  
444 George St.

Terrace  
Thursday, May 15  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Best Western Inn  
Skeena Room #1  
4553 Greig Ave.

For a copy of the request for proposals and other supporting documents, visit the Independent Living BC room on the BC Housing Web site at [www.bchousing.org/Supp\\_Liv/](http://www.bchousing.org/Supp_Liv/)

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